

PLANNING BOARD - 7 OCTOBER 2009

Planning Board

Wednesday 7 October 2009 at 3 pm

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

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: 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 Moran.

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

604 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) **Replacement of grass football pitch with a 3G all weather pitch plus the addition of associated floodlighting:
Inverclyde Academy, Cumberland Road, Greenock (09/0251/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 3 years from the date of this permission, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;
- (2) that the pitch shall not be used for play after 10pm and that the floodlights shall be switched off within 15 minutes following cessation of play, in the interests of neighbouring residential amenity; and
- (3) that illumination from the floodlights hereby permitted shall be a maximum of 5 lux vertical luminance at the window of any adjacent domestic premises, in the interests of the amenity of adjacent residential properties.

- (b) **Erection of primary school and nursery facilities (amendment to Planning Permission 08/0054/IC):
Auchmead Road/Norfolk Road, Greenock (09/0227/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 3 years from the date of this permission, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;
- (2) that approval is not given for the scheme of landscaping shown on the approved plans. Before the development hereby permitted starts, a scheme of landscaping shall be submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Planning Authority and it shall include:-
 - (a) details of all soft and hard landscaping;

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- (b) a scheme of tree and shrub planting incorporating details of the location, number, variety and size of trees and shrubs to be planted;
- (c) details of the phasing of all the above works; and
- (d) details of the maintenance and management regime for this landscaping, to ensure the provision of an appropriate landscaping scheme for the school;
- (3) that any trees, shrubs or areas of grass which die, are removed, damaged or become diseased within five years of completion of the landscaping shall be replaced within the following year with others of a similar size and species, to ensure retention of the approved landscaping scheme;
- (4) that notwithstanding the terms of condition (2) above, all hard landscaping shall be completed to final wearing course and all approved fences erected prior to the building hereby permitted being brought into use, in the interests of public safety;
- (5) that the school facilities shall not be in use outwith the hours of 8am to 9pm, Mondays to Fridays, and 8am to 6pm at weekends, in the interests of residential amenity;
- (6) that the MUGA pitch hereby permitted shall not be brought into use until the associated floodlighting has been installed and is operational, to ensure that the pitch meets the standards of Sportscotland, in the interests of play provision;
- (7) 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 control runoff from the site to reduce flooding risk; and
- (8) that samples of facing materials to be used on the finishes to the building shall be submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Planning Authority prior to their use, to ensure the appropriateness of the materials.

**(c) Upgrading of existing blaes pitch by provision of synthetic surface, erection of new floodlights and associated works:
Gourock Park, Larkfield Road, Gourock (09/0203/IC)**

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

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

- (1) that the development to which this permission relates must be begun within 3 years from the date of this permission, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;
- (2) that the hours of operation of the pitch shall be limited to 8am to 10pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 10pm on Saturday and Sunday and that the floodlights shall be switched off within 15 minutes following the cessation of play, in the interests of protecting neighbouring residents from noise and disturbance late into the evening;
- (3) 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;
- (4) 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

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methodologies, this may be incorporated as part of a ground condition report and should include an appraisal of options;

(5) 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, conditions (4) and (5) being imposed to satisfactorily address potential contamination issues in the interests of environmental safety;

(6) 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;

(7) 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; and

(8) that light from the floodlights hereby permitted shall be a maximum 5 lux vertical luminance at the window of any adjacent domestic premises, to protect neighbouring residents from unacceptable overspill lighting and glare from the new floodlighting.

(d) Erection of 11.79m high monopole and installation of antenna and street works cabinet:

Lyle Road, Greenock (09/0156/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 3 years from the date of this permission, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;

(2) that in the event that equipment becomes obsolete or redundant it must be removed and the site reinstated to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority within two months, to minimise the level of visual intrusion, and to ensure the reinstatement of the site to a satisfactory standard;

(3) that development shall not be commenced until such time as it has been demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority, that the power line required to serve the proposed base station, mast structure and ancillary developments shall be constructed underground with no electricity poles or other structures relating to the proposed new power line linking to the site being visible above ground at Lyle Road; and

(4) that no symbols, signs, logos or other lettering shall be displayed on any part of the structure, antennas, equipment housing or fencing without the prior written approval of the Planning Authority, except small signage necessary for operational reasons, conditions (3) and (4) being imposed to minimise the level of visual intrusion and protect

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the quality and character of Lyle Road as far as practicable.

- (e) Installation of new entrance door to flat (in retrospect):
2 Kirk Close, 25 Madeira Street, Greenock (09/0011/LB)**

Decided: that listed building consent be granted.

- (f) Erection of a new secondary school on the site of the existing Notre Dame High School (following demolition) (amendments to current planning permission 08/0067/IC):
Dunlop Street, Greenock (09/0234/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 3 years from the date of this permission, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;
- (2) that approval is not given for the scheme of landscaping shown on the approved plans. Before the development hereby permitted starts, a scheme of landscaping shall be submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Planning Authority and it shall include:-
 - (a) details of all soft and hard landscaping;
 - (b) a scheme of tree and shrub planting incorporating details of the location, number, variety and size of trees and shrubs to be planted;
 - (c) details of the phasing of all the above works; and
 - (d) details of the maintenance and management regime for this landscaping, to ensure the provision of an appropriate landscaping scheme for the school;
- (3) that any trees, shrubs or areas of grass which die, are removed, damaged or become diseased within five years of completion of the landscaping shall be replaced within the following year with others of a similar size and species;
- (4) that notwithstanding the terms of condition (2) above, all hard landscaping shall be completed to final wearing course and all approved fences erected prior to the building hereby permitted being brought into use, conditions (3) and (4) being imposed to ensure the retention of the approved landscaping scheme;
- (5) that the school facilities shall not be in use outwith the hours of 8am to 9pm, Mondays to Fridays, and 8am to 6pm at weekends, in the interests of residential amenity;
- (6) that the floodlit pitches hereby permitted shall not be brought into use until the associated floodlighting has been installed and is operational, to ensure that the pitches meet the standards of Sportscotland, in the interests of play provision;
- (7) 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 control runoff from the site to reduce the flooding risk;
- (8) that samples of facing materials to be used on the finishes to the building shall be submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Planning Authority prior to their use, to ensure the appropriateness of the materials; and
- (9) that before the development hereby permitted begins; a management and maintenance inspection schedule for the culvert to be constructed shall be submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Planning Authority. For the avoidance of doubt this shall include an approved flood alarm system, to ensure that the site remains free from flooding.

- (g) Upgrading of existing blaes pitch by provision of synthetic surface, erection of new**

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floodlights and associated works:

Broomhill Park, Broomhill Street, Greenock (09/0201/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 3 years from the date of this permission, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;

(2) that the hours of operation of the pitch shall be limited to 8am to 10pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 10pm on Saturday and Sunday and that the floodlights shall be switched off within 15 minutes following the cessation of play, in the interests of protecting neighbouring residents from noise and disturbance late into the evening;

(3) 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;

(4) 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;

(5) 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, conditions (4) and (5) being imposed to satisfactorily address potential contamination issues in the interests of environmental safety;

(6) 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;

(7) 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; and

(8) that light from the floodlights hereby permitted shall be a maximum 5 lux vertical

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luminance at the window of any adjacent domestic premises, to protect neighbouring residents from unacceptable overspill lighting and glare from the new floodlighting.

- (h) **Demolition of existing building and erection of new primary school, nursery facilities and special needs accommodation (amendment to current detailed permission 08/0053/IC):
Blairmore Road/Kilmacolm Road, Greenock (09/0233/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 3 years from the date of this permission, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;
- (2) that approval is not given for the scheme of landscaping shown on the approved plans. Before the development hereby permitted starts, a scheme of landscaping shall be submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Planning Authority and it shall include:-
 - (a) details of all soft and hard landscaping;
 - (b) a scheme of tree and shrub planting incorporating details of the location, number, variety and size of trees and shrubs;
 - (c) details of the phasing of all the above works; and
 - (d) details of the maintenance and management regime for this landscaping; to ensure the provision of an appropriate landscaping scheme for the school;
- (3) that any trees, shrubs or areas of grass which die, are removed, damaged or become diseased within five years of completion of the landscaping shall be replaced within the following year with others of a similar size and species, to ensure retention of the approved landscaping scheme;
- (4) that notwithstanding the terms of condition (2) above, all hard landscaping shall be completed to final wearing course and all approved fences erected prior to the building hereby permitted being brought into use, in the interests of public safety;
- (5) that the school facilities shall not be in use outwith the hours of 8am to 9pm, Mondays to Fridays, and 8am to 6pm at weekends, in the interests of residential amenity;
- (6) that the pitch hereby permitted shall not be brought into use until the associated floodlighting has been installed and is operational, to ensure that the pitch meets the standards of Sportscotland, in the interests of play provision;
- (7) 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 control runoff from the site to reduce flooding risk; and
- (8) that samples of facing materials to be used on the finishes to the building shall be submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Planning Authority, to ensure the appropriateness of the materials.

605 PLANNING APPEAL - 13 LUSS PLACE, GREENOCK

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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 March 2009 to refuse planning permission for formation of pedestrian access to the existing dwellinghouse at 13 Luss Place, Greenock (08/0289/IC) an appeal against the refusal of planning permission had been submitted to the Scottish Government.

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

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606 APPEAL DECISION - 37B CAMPBELL STREET, GREENOCK**606**

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 March 2009 to refuse planning permission for the change of use of flat and attic to two self contained flatted dwellings together with the installation of roof windows to the front and rear and two dormer windows to the rear at 37B Campbell Street, Greenock (08/0270/IC) and the subsequent appeal by the applicant to the Scottish Government against that refusal, the Reporter appointed by the Scottish Government had issued his decision which was to uphold the appeal.

Noted

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The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 8 October 2009 at 4.00 pm

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

Chair: Provost McCormick presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection, Corporate Director Improvement & Performance, Acting Director Education, Acting Director Social Care, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Corporate Communications & Public Affairs, Head of Property Resources & Facilities Management, Legal Services Manager (Procurement, District Court & Administration) and Legal Services Manager (Courts & Litigation).

Apologies: Councillors Grieve and MacLeod.

Minutes of Meetings of The Inverclyde Council, Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards

607	The Inverclyde Council - 11 June 2009	607
	Approved on the motion of Provost McCormick.	
608	Policy & Resources Committee (Special) - 16 June 2009	608
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
609	Audit Committee (Special) - 25 June 2009	609
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Blair.	
610	General Purposes Board (Special) - 24 July 2009	610
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Ahlfeld.	
611	Planning Board - 5 August 2009	611
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
612	General Purposes Board - 12 August 2009	612
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McKenzie.	
613	The Inverclyde Council (Special) - 13 August 2009	613
	Approved on the motion of Provost McCormick.	
614	Education & Lifelong Learning Committee (Special) - 18 August 2009	614

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Approved on the motion of Councillor McKenzie.

615 Audit Committee - 25 August 2009 615

Approved on the motion of Councillor Blair.

616 Health & Social Care Committee - 27 August 2009 616

Approved on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.

617 Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee - 1 September 2009 617

Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.

618 Planning Board - 2 September 2009 618

Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.

619 Regeneration Committee - 3 September 2009 619

Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.

620 Education & Lifelong Learning Committee - 8 September 2009 620

Approved on the motion of Councillor McKenzie.

621 General Purposes Board - 9 September 2009 621

Approved on the motion of Councillor Ahlfeld.

622 Policy & Resources Committee - 22 September 2009 622

Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.

623 Audit Committee (Special) - 23 September 2009 623

Approved on the motion of Councillor Nelson.

624 Appointment to Vacancy on Inverclyde Licensing Board 624

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources requesting the Council to appoint a Member to fill the vacancy on Inverclyde Licensing Board.

Decided: that Councillor Brooks be appointed to fill the vacancy on Inverclyde Licensing Board.

625 Representation on Inverclyde Alliance Board and COSLA 625

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources requesting the Council to appoint a fourth representative to sit on the Board of Inverclyde Alliance following the resignation of Councillor Brooks. The report also advised that

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Councillor Brooks had resigned from COSLA but that since this appointment was by virtue of his position as leader of the largest opposition group on the Council, his place had automatically been taken by Councillor MacLeod.

Decided:

- (1) that Councillor MacLeod be appointed to sit on the Board of Inverclyde Alliance in place of Councillor Brooks; and
- (2) that the position with regard to representation on COSLA be noted.

626 Representation on Clyde Muirshiel Park Authority Joint Committee 626

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources requesting the Council to appoint a Member to serve on the Clyde Muirshiel Park Authority Joint Committee following the resignation of Councillor Grieve.

Decided: that Councillor Nelson be appointed to serve on the Clyde Muirshiel Park Authority Joint Committee in place of Councillor Grieve.

627 Standing Orders and Scheme of Administration - Local Review Body 627

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking agreement to amend the Council's Standing Orders and Scheme of Administration in respect of the Local Review Body established by the Council in terms of the Town & Country Planning (Scheme of Delegation and Local Review Procedures) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 at its meeting held on 11 June 2009.

Decided: that agreement be given to the amendments to the Standing Orders and Scheme of Administration as set out in the appendix to the report.

628 Council Veterans' Champion - Request by Councillor McCabe 628

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on a request received from Councillor McCabe that the Council consider a letter from Jeremy Purvis MSP seeking the Council's support for the appointment of a Veterans' Champion. Following discussion, Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor McKenzie moved that Councillor Dorrian be appointed as the Council's Veterans' Champion. As an amendment, Councillor Nelson seconded by Councillor Brooks moved that Councillor MacLeod be so appointed. On a vote, 3 Members voted for the amendment and 15 for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that Councillor Dorrian be appointed as the Council's Veterans' Champion.

629 Scottish Coalition on Tobacco - Request by Councillor McCabe 629

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on a request received from Councillor McCabe that the Council consider a letter from the Scottish Coalition on Tobacco requesting support for the Tobacco and Primary Medical Services Bill which is currently before the Scottish Parliament.

Decided: that the Council give its support to the Tobacco and Primary Medical Services Bill which is currently before the Scottish Parliament but that in making representations, attention be drawn to the concerns of a number of Members regarding the effect on small shopkeepers of the proposal to put cigarettes and tobacco out of sight in retail outlets.

630 Enforcement of National Minimum Wage Legislation on Minor League Football Clubs in Scotland - Motion by Midlothian Council 630

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources advising of a letter received from Midlothian Council seeking support for a motion agreed by that Council concerning the enforcement of national minimum wage legislation on minor league football clubs in Scotland.

Decided: that the Council give its support to the motion by Midlothian Council.

631 Improvement Service Membership Agreement

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Improvement & Performance advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to enable Councillor McCabe, as Leader of the Council, to sign a formal membership agreement for the Improvement Service on behalf of the Council at the COSLA Convention on 26 June 2009.

Noted

632 The Stopping-Up of Footpaths, Inverclyde (Kelburn Business Park, Port Glasgow) Order 2009

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to confirm the stopping-up of footpaths as set out in the Stopping-Up of Footpaths, Inverclyde (Kelburn Business Park, Port Glasgow) Order 2009 and to authorise the Head of Legal & Administration to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

Decided:

- (1) that the report be noted; and
- (2) that a briefing note on the effect of the Order be prepared for all Members of the Council.

633 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Belhaven Street Bridge, Port Glasgow (7.5 Tonne Weight Restriction Revocation) Order 2009

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the proposed Traffic Regulation Order to revoke the existing Inverclyde Council Belhaven Street Bridge, Port Glasgow (7.5 Tonne Weight Restriction) Order 2002 which is no longer required, as agreed by the Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee at its meeting on 1 September 2009.

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 Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to permit revocation of the 7.5 tonne weight restriction on Belhaven Street Bridge, Port Glasgow, all as detailed in a copy of the Order forming a supplement to the principal minute hereof and that the Head of Environmental Services and Head of Legal & Administration be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

634 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Millhouse Road Bridge, Inverkip (24 Tonne Weight Restriction Revocation) Order 2009

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on

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the proposed Traffic Regulation Order to revoke the existing Inverclyde Council Millhouse Road, Inverkip (24 Tonne Weight Restriction) Order 2000 which is no longer required, as agreed by the Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee at its meeting on 1 September 2009.

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 Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to permit revocation of the 24 tonne weight restriction on Millhouse Road Bridge, Inverkip all as detailed in a copy of the Order forming a supplement to the principal minute hereof and that the Head of Environmental Services and 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 meeting for the following item, 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 Committee.

Appendices to Minutes

635 Regeneration Committee - 3 September 2009

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Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 14 OCTOBER 2009

General Purposes BoardWednesday 14 October 2009 at 3 pm

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

Chair: Councillor Ahlfeld presided.

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

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

636 Application for Taxi Licence: Paul McDermott

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration advising that Mr McDermott had omitted to make timeous application for his licence to be renewed before it expired but it had been dealt with using the procedure for the exercise of powers delegated to the Chief Executive for use between the Committees and it had been agreed to authorise the grant of the Taxi Licence to Mr McDermott.

Noted

637 Taxi Fares Review 2009

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration asking the Board to determine the taxi fare scales and charges following the annual review. A number of objections to the proposals had been received and the Board heard Mr Paul Travers, one of the objectors.

Councillor MacLeod moved that there be an additional charge of £1 for any amount of passengers after the first four. As an amendment Councillor McCallum moved no change to the existing tariff. As a further amendment Councillor Moran moved that there be an additional charge of £1 per passenger after the first four.

On a vote being taken between the two amendments 6 Members voted for the first amendment and 1 for the second amendment.

On a further vote being taken 2 Members voted for the motion and 6 for the first amendment which was declared carried.

Decided: that there be no change to the existing tariff.

638 Driving Standards Agency Taxi Driver Test

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration on the possible introduction of a requirement for taxi drivers to pass the Driving Standards Agency Taxi Driver Test.

Decided: that the requirement for all taxi drivers and drivers of private hire vehicles to pass the Driving Standards Agency Taxi Driver Test not be introduced at this time.

It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act

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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.

639 Application for Renewal of Taxi Operator's Licence: Ian Ellis

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration on an application for renewal of Taxi Operator's Licence by Mr Ian Ellis following receipt of an observation by the Chief Constable. The Board heard Constable Gailey, Mr Robert Mitchell of Todd & Mitchell, Solicitors and Mr Ellis.

Decided: that the application be granted.

640 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: John Cummings

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration on an application for Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr John Cummings following receipt of an objection by the Chief Constable.

Decided: that the application be refused.

641 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Simon Burnside

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Councillor Grieve declared a non financial interest by virtue of personal acquaintance with the applicant and left the meeting.

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration on an application for Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Simon Burnside following receipt of an observation by the Chief Constable. At its meeting on 9 September 2009 the Board had decided to continue consideration of the application to allow Mr Burnside to be in attendance. The Board heard Constable Gailey and Mr Burnside.

Decided: that the application be granted.

Councillor Grieve returned to the meeting at the conclusion of this item.

642 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Steven John Scott

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Steven John Scott following receipt of an objection by the Chief Constable. At its meeting on 9 September 2009 the Board had decided to continue consideration of the application to allow Mr Scott to be in attendance.

Decided: that the application be continued to the next meeting of the Board to allow Mr Scott to be represented.

643 Application for Renewal of Taxi Driver's Licence: John Buchan

643

Councillor McCallum declared a non financial interest by virtue of personal acquaintance with the applicant and left the meeting.

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration on an application for renewal of Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr John Buchan following receipt of a representation from the Chief Constable. The Board heard Constable Gailey and Mr Buchan.

Decided: that the application be granted.

Councillor McCallum returned to the meeting at the conclusion of this item.

644 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence: William Smiley

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration on the possible suspension of Mr Smiley's Taxi Driver's Licence on the ground that he was no longer a fit and proper person to hold such a licence by virtue of the conduct described in the report. The Board heard Mr John Cushnaghan, Mr Smiley and Mr Gallagher of Gordon Ritchie & Co, Solicitors.

Councillor Moran left the meeting during this item.

Decided:

- (1) that the licence not be suspended; and
- (2) that it be remitted to Mr McNeilly to report back to the Board in three months.

645 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence: Colin Baxter

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration on the possible suspension of Mr Baxter's Taxi Driver's Licence on the ground that he was no longer a fit and proper person to hold such a licence by virtue of the conduct described in the report. The Board heard Mr John Cushnaghan and Mr Cunningham of Blair & Bryden, Solicitors.

Decided:

- (1) that the licence not be suspended; and
- (2) that it be remitted to Mr McNeilly to report back to the Board in three months.

646 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence: Christopher McCartney

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration on the possible suspension of Mr McCartney's Taxi Driver's Licence on the ground that he was no longer a fit and proper person to hold such a licence by virtue of the conduct described in the report. The Board heard Mr John Cushnaghan and Mr Norman Cunningham of Blair & Bryden, Solicitors.

Decided: that the licence be suspended with immediate effect for one month.

647 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence: Paul Hannah

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration requesting the Board to consider whether or not to continue the suspension of Mr Hannah's licence. Mr Hannah's licence had been suspended for a period of three months on 24 July 2009. The Board heard Constable Gailey.

Decided: that the licence be suspended for a further three months.

648 Request for Suspension of Second Hand Dealer's Licence: Andrew Galbraith

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration on the possible suspension of Mr Galbraith's Second Hand Dealer's Licence on the ground that he was no longer a fit and proper person to hold such a licence by virtue of the conduct described in the report. At its meeting on 12 August 2009 the Board had decided to continue consideration of the request to allow Mr Galbraith to be in attendance.

Decided: that the licence be continued to the next meeting of the Board to allow Mr Galbraith to be in attendance.

AUDIT COMMITTEE - 20 OCTOBER 2009

Audit CommitteeTuesday 20 October 2009 at 3 pm

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

Chair: Councillor Blair presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Improvement & Performance, Chief Internal Auditor and Mr J Hamilton (for Head of Legal & Administration).

Present Also: Ms E Boyd and Mr P Tait (Audit Scotland).

Apologies: Councillors Ahlfeld and Brooks.

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

649 Risk Management Progress Report

649

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 25 August 2009.

Noted

650 External Audit Action Plans - Outstanding Actions

650

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 31 August 2009.

Decided: that the progress to date be noted.

651 Internal Audit Progress Report - 3 August to 25 September 2009

651

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Improvement & Performance presenting to Members the monitoring report on Internal Audit activity from 3 August to 25 September 2009.

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

It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

652 Internal Audit Progress Report - Appendix

652

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

Noted

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE - 22 OCTOBER 2009

Health & Social Care Committee

Thursday 22 October 2009 at 3.00 pm

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

Chair: Councillor McIlwee presided.

In attendance: Head of Community Care & Strategic Services, Head of Support & Development, Ms S McAlees (Social Work Services), Mr H McNeilly (for Head of Legal & Administration), Ms A Edmiston and Ms T Wall (for Chief Financial Officer) and Mr M Bingham (for Head of Corporate Communications & Public Affairs).

Apologies: Councillors Ahlfeld, Grieve, Moran and Rebecchi.

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

653 Capital Programme 2008/11 - Progress

653

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

Noted

654 Revenue Budget 2009/10 - Period 5

654

There was submitted a report by the Acting Director Social Care and the Chief Financial Officer on the position of the Revenue Budget 2009/10 as at Period 5 (31 August 2009) which was projecting an overspend of £85,000.

Decided: that the Committee note the current projected overspend of £85,000 for 2009/10, as at 31 August 2009, and the ongoing action being undertaken by Social Work Services to bring spend back within budget.

655 Social Work Services Performance Report

655

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

Decided: that the Committee endorse the performance information contained in the report and note that further reports on the performance of Social Work Services will be presented to future meetings of the Committee.

656 Social Work Annual Performance Report

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Director Social Care seeking approval of the Social Work Services Annual Report 2008 - 2009, a copy of which was appended to the report.

Decided: that the Committee note and approve the Social Work Services Annual Report

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657 Choose Life Annual Progress Report

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Director Social Care (1) updating the Committee on the local implementation and developments of the "Choose Life" initiative and (2) appending a copy of the progress report 2008/2009.

Decided:

- (1) that the findings of the "Choose Life" Inverclyde Progress Report 2008/2009 be noted;
- (2) that further annual performance reports be submitted to the Committee;
- (3) that it be remitted to the Head of Community Care & Strategy to arrange for a presentation on the "Choose Life" initiative to be made to the Committee; and
- (4) that the Committee's congratulations be conveyed to the Choose Life Team following their success in winning the APSE award for best Public/Voluntary Partnership Working Initiative 2009.

658 Progress on Post-Inspection Improvement Plan (Scottish Housing Regulator Inspection of Homelessness Services)

658

There was submitted a report by the Acting Director Social Care on progress made in relation to the post-inspection improvement plan approved by the Committee at the meeting on 23 October 2008 in response to the inspection of Inverclyde Council's homelessness services published in August 2008.

Decided: that the progress in achieving the anticipated outcomes contained within the Improvement Plan and the work still required in securing a higher percentage of lets to homeless households from the Council's partners in the Registered Social Landlord (RSL) sector be noted.

659 "Remember I'm Still Me", Inverclyde Perspective

659

There was submitted a report by the Acting Director Social Care (1) on the issues arising in care homes in Inverclyde in the context of the findings and recommendations of the Care Commission and Mental Welfare Commission joint report on the equality of care for people with dementia living in care homes in Scotland and (2) providing an update on the local plans currently underway in partnership with NHS and the care home sector to deliver the key recommendations of the Care Commission and Mental Welfare Commission joint report.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress achieved in meeting the requirements of the Care Commission and Mental Welfare Commission joint report in Inverclyde be noted;
- (2) that the Committee note the future planning arrangements to improve the quality of services for older people with dementia in care homes;
- (3) that a briefing session on mental health issues be arranged for Elected Members; and
- (4) that a further report be submitted to the Committee in six months' time.

660 Integrated Family Placement Strategy

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Director Social Care outlining proposals for an integrated family placement strategy for Looked After Children in Inverclyde.

Decided:

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(1) that the Committee approve the overall strategy for an integrated family placement service for Looked After Children as follows:-

Foster Care

Agree a revised scheme for the payment of allowances and fees for Foster Care as set out in Appendix 1 to the report to be implemented on 1 April 2010;
 Agree an annual and recurring recruitment budget;
 Agree an annual and recurring training and support budget;
 Agree the provision of a respite scheme at a projected cost.

Kinship Care

Agree the provisions of a Kinship Care Allowance scheme under the arrangements outlined in the report;
 Agree that all outstanding Kinship Care referrals are progressed and approved from 1 October 2009, in accordance with the present linked carer scheme;
 Agree that Kinship Care allowances are set at rates equivalent to the revised level 1 fostering allowances effective from 1 April 2010.

Adoption

Note the introduction of legislation intended to modernise adoption in Scotland;
 Agree the service plans to implement the changes necessary alongside national benchmarking data as it becomes available;
 Note the existing budgetary pressure in the adoption service;
 Agree the proposed increase in post adoption support projected at £8,000;
 Request a further report on the modernisation of the adoption service.

(2) that this service development be remitted to the budget setting process for consideration, for the next financial year and beyond;

(3) that approval be given to a three year review of funding in respect of family placements; and

(4) that the implementation of the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007 on 28 September 2009 be noted and that it be remitted to the Acting Director Social Care to submit a further report to the Committee in January 2010.

661 A New Framework for Local Partnerships on Alcohol and Drugs - Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Partnership 661

There was submitted a report by the Acting Director Social Care (1) on the self evaluation tool completed by Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Forum in preparation for the establishment of Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Partnership and (2) identifying key requirements and reporting mechanisms outlined in the Scottish Government's publication on a new framework for local partnerships on alcohol and drugs.

Decided:

(1) that agreement be given to the content and routes of accountability in relation to the work of Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Partnership;

(2) that the current and developing arrangements for performance monitoring reporting which have a direct relationship to Audit Scotland's findings and the further development of effective partnership working be noted; and

(3) that the Committee note the favourable outcomes in relation to both drugs and alcohol reported to the Committee at the meeting on 25 May 2009 and the mature multi-agency partnership forum established by the Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Forum which provides a solid basis for further development as the alcohol and drug partnership.

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| 662 | <p>Update on Change of Social Care Service for Specific Individuals</p> <p>There was submitted a report by the Acting Director Social Care updating the Committee on the progress of the change in service model from residential to housing support for a group of individuals with learning disabilities which had been approved by the Committee at the meeting on 5 March 2009.</p> <p>Noted</p> | 662 |
| 663 | <p>Inverclyde Joint Care Board - Minute of Meeting of 17 June 2009</p> <p>There was submitted minute of the meeting of the Inverclyde Joint Care Board of 17 June 2009.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3, 6 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.</p> | 663 |
| 664 | <p>Proposed Relocation of a Contracted Residential Service for a Particular Group of Individuals</p> <p>There was submitted a report by the Acting Director Social Care providing details relating to the proposed relocation of a contracted residential service for a particular group of individuals and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.</p> | 664 |

SAFE, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 27 OCTOBER 2009

Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee**Tuesday 27 October 2009 at 3 pm**

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

Chair: Councillor Moran presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection, Mr R Graham (for Head of Environmental Services), Head of Planning & Housing, Head of Safer Communities, Ms L Bairden (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr W Rice, Housing Team, Mr M Bingham (for Head of Corporate Communications & Public Affairs) and Mr J Douglas (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 Committee.

665 Revenue Budget 2009/10 - Period 5**665**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection on the position of the 2009/10 Revenue Budget as at period 5 (31 August 2009) which projected an overspend of £74,000.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the current projected overspend of £74,000 as at 31 August 2009; and
- (2) that the Committee approve the virement requests totalling £347,000 as detailed in appendix 4 of the report.

666 Trading Account Revenue Budget 2009/10 - Period 5**666**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection on the position of the Roads and Vehicle Maintenance Trading Accounts as at period 5 (31 August 2009). The report advised that (1) the Roads Trading Account was currently projecting a surplus of £109,000 which represented an over-recovery of £3,000 against the cash target; and (2) that the Vehicle Management Trading Account was currently projecting a surplus of £19,000 which is on target.

Noted**667 Capital Programme 2009/12 - Progress****667**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection and Chief Financial Officer on the position of the Capital Programme 2009/12.

Noted**668 Directorate Performance Report****668**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection advising the Committee of progress made by Environment & Community

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Protection in achieving its key objectives as set out in its Directorate Plan for 2009/11 and performance in relation to key performance indicators.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee endorse the performance information contained in the report; and
- (2) that it be noted that further reports on the performance of the Environment & Community Protection Directorate will be submitted to future meetings of the Committee.

669 Environmental Services (Roads) - Renewal of Weather Forecast Partnership 669

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection seeking the Committee's approval to enter into another four year contract in partnership with eleven other Councils for the provision of a Weather Forecast Service for the West of Scotland.

Decided: that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental Services to renew the partnership with the eleven other West of Scotland Councils for the provision of a Weather Forecast Service from 16 May 2010 to 15 May 2014.

670 Environmental Services Consultancy Services - Term Commission Professional Consultants Call Off Contract 2010 - 2013 670

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection (1) seeking the Committee's approval to issue a Term Commission Professional Consultants Call Off Contract for the period 2010-2013 and (2) seeking approval to advertise the contract in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve the placing of an advert in the Official Journal of the European Union as required under Standing Orders relating to Contracts;
- (2) that the Committee approve the issue of tender documents to approved Professional Consultants Engineering Firms for a period of one year with an option to extend the period for two further extensions of one year each; and
- (3) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Environmental Services in conjunction with the Head of Legal & Administration, the Chief Financial Officer and the Head of Performance Management & Procurement to process the tender in accordance with Council policy.

671 Lighting Maintenance Term Contract 2010 - 2014 (5) Partnership 671

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection seeking the approval of the Committee to prepare a tender in partnership with North and South Ayrshire Councils for the period 2010 - 2014(5) to cover all aspects of road and stair lighting maintenance within the relative responsibilities of the three Council areas.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve the preparation of the tender for road lighting maintenance, in conjunction with North and South Ayrshire Councils, incorporating Inverclyde Council's specific requirements, commencing July 2010 for a period of four years with an option to extend for a further 1 year; and
- (2) that approval be granted for South Ayrshire to act as lead authority for tendering purposes.

672 Vehicle, Plant and Equipment Replacement Programme - Procurement Approval of Single Source Suppliers 672

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection seeking the approval of the Committee (1) for the procurement of vehicles, plant and equipment groups valued in excess of £250,000 from single source suppliers and (2) the procurement method(s) to be adopted.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve the procurement of vehicles, plant and equipment as detailed in the report which have an estimated value in excess of £250,000 and which may be procured from a single source supplier; and
- (2) that approval be given for the method(s) of procurement as outlined in paragraph 5.2 of the report.

673 Provision of Street Names**673**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection requesting that the Committee assign a street name for (a) the new cul-de-sac off Earnhill Road, Greenock; (b) five cul-de-sacs within areas 6 and 7 of the Hill Farm site, Inverkip; and (c) an existing cul-de-sac off Craigbet Road, Quarriers Village, Bridge of Weir.

Decided:

- (1) that it be delegated to the Ward Councillors to agree a recommendation for the street name of the new cul-de-sac off Earnhill Road, Greenock within one week and remit their decision to the Head of Planning & Housing;
- (2) that it be delegated to the Ward Councillors to agree a recommendation for the street name for the five cul-de-sacs within areas 6 and 7 at the Hill Farm site, Inverkip within one week and remit their decision to the Head of Planning & Housing; and
- (3) that the Members assign the street name Lawview Road to the cul-de-sac off Craigbet Road, Quarriers Village, Bridge of Weir.

674 Wemyss Bay Woodland - Local Nature Reserve Designation**674**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection requesting authority to formally designate the area known as Wemyss Bay Woodlands as a local nature reserve.

Decided: that authority be granted to the Head of Planning & Housing (a) to produce an appropriate management plan for the site, establish partnership working and identify membership of an LNR (Management Group), and (b) thereafter request the Committee to formally approve the management plan and legally designate the area known as Wemyss Bay Woods as a local nature reserve.

675 Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 - Scheme of Assistance (Section 72 Statement)**675**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection seeking the Committee's approval of the scheme of assistance which sets out the Council's approach in providing home owners in Inverclyde with relevant information, advice and assistance in line with the requirements of section 72 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the requirements of Section 72 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006;
- (2) that the Committee approve the scheme of assistance (Section 72 Statement) set out in annex 1 of the report; and
- (3) that it be remitted to the Head of Planning & Housing to arrange a briefing for all

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Members on the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 to be held on 6 November 2009 at 2 pm.

676 Support for Owners Fund

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection providing the Committee with an update on the current position of the Support for Owners Fund in relation to River Clyde Homes planned investment programme.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the current financial position of the Support for Owners Fund; and
- (2) that the projections for the future Support for Owners Fund be noted.

677 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - On-Street Parking Places (Without Charges) Order No 2 2009

677

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

Decided: that The Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - On Street Parking Places (Without Charges) Order No 2 2009 and remit it to the Head of Environmental Services and the Head of Legal & Administration to arrange for its implementation.

678 Food Hygiene Information System

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection seeking approval for Inverclyde Council to implement the Food Hygiene Information Scheme (FHIS) to provide information to consumers about the standard of hygiene at food business premises.

Decided: that the Committee approve the implementation of the Food Hygiene Information Scheme with a launch date of 1 October 2010.

The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection was relevant, competent and urgent moved his consideration to allow the Committee to be advised of the Private Sector Housing Grant: Adaptations - Revised Budget at the relevant opportunity. This was unanimously agreed in terms of the relevant Standing Order.

679 Private Sector Housing Grant: Adaptations - Revised Budget

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection advising the Committee of an unexpected increase in demand for adaptations grants and proposing a revised Private Sector Housing Grant (PSHG) budget for 2009/10, with temporary changes to the adaptation policy to ensure that the Council continues to meet its obligations to provide financial assistance for adaptations in accordance with the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the current pressures on the adaptations budget;
- (2) that the Committee approve the revised 2009/10 budget; and
- (3) that the issue be remitted to the Corporate Management Team to be considered as part of the budget process.

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

680 Improvement Orders - Fort Matilda Terrace, Greenock

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection seeking approval to make improvement orders in respect of properties in Fort Matilda Terrace, Greenock which was agreed, all as detailed in the appendix.

REGENERATION COMMITTEE - 29 OCTOBER 2009

Regeneration CommitteeThursday 29 October 2009 at 3.00 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Blair, Clocherty, Dorrian (for Loughran), McCallum, McCabe, McKenzie, MacLeod, Nelson, Osborne and Rebecchi (for White).

Chair: Councillor Clocherty presided.

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

Apologies: Councillors Loughran and White.

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

681 Revenue Budget 2009/10 - Period 5**681**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the position of the Revenue Budget 2009/10 as at Period 5 (31 August 2009) which showed a projected underspend of £103,000.

Decided:

- (1) that the current projected underspend of £103,000 for 2009/10, as at 31 August 2009, be noted; and
- (2) that the virement request totalling £18,000 as detailed in paragraph 7.1 and Appendix 4 of the report be approved.

682 Building Services Trading Account Revenue Budget 2009/10 - Period 5**682**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the position of the Building Services Trading Account 2009/10 as at Period 5 (31 August 2009) which showed a projected cash surplus of £106,000.

Noted**683 Capital Programme 2009/10 to 2011/12 - Progress****683**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources and the Chief Financial Officer on the position of the Capital Programme 2009/10 to 2011/12. (Councillor Blair entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Noted**684 Regeneration and Resources Directorate Performance Report****684**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the performance of Property Resources & Facilities Management and Economic & Social Regeneration in achieving their key objectives as set out in the Regeneration and Resources Directorate Plan 2008 - 2011 and how they have contributed to the

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achievement of key corporate priorities.

Decided: that the Committee endorse the performance information contained in the report and note that further reports on performance will be presented to future meetings of the Committee.

685 Community Council Review Update

685

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.

Decided:

- (1) that agreement be given to the consultation process for review of the Council's Scheme of Community Councils as detailed in Appendix A to the report; and
- (2) that the proposals for Community Council boundaries as set out in Appendix B to the report be approved for consultation with all Community Councils and the general public.

686 Future Jobs Fund - Update

686

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources together with amended appendix on the current position of the Future Jobs Fund.

The Head of Economic and Social Regeneration advised the Committee that, as at the date of the meeting, 100 job opportunities had been confirmed.

Decided:

- (1) that the Future Jobs Fund position statement as described within the report be noted;
- (2) that the current shortfall in available jobs, which is being addressed, including looking at further opportunities within the local authority, be noted;
- (3) that authority be delegated to the Head of Economic & Social Regeneration to pursue additional environmental improvement projects which are identified as suitable for inclusion in the project; and
- (4) that the recruitment and appointment of a Monitoring Officer on a fixed term contract be noted.

687 Inverclyde's Labour Market Performance - Update

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources informing the Committee of Inverclyde's current labour market position relative to its neighbouring authorities within the Clyde Valley Community Planning Partnership area.

Decided: that the Committee note the current and anticipated labour market performance in Inverclyde and that efforts to address some of these issues are currently underway.

688 Inverclyde Construction Plus

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the current position regarding the development of Inverclyde Construction Plus.

Noted

689 Funders' Fayre

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the outcome of the Funders' Fayre held in Greenock Town Hall on 3 September 2009.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the progress being made to encourage take-up of external funding sources; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to report to the Committee in 2010 on the number of successful applications by the funders participating in the event.

690 Summer Playschemes 2009**690**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources (1) on the summer playschemes and special events programme 2009 and (2) providing associated statistical information.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the report and the action taken by the Economic & Social Regeneration Service to ensure a wide-ranging summer playscheme programme be noted;
- (2) that a report recommending options for next year's playscheme be submitted to the Committee by May 2010; and
- (3) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to bring forward a review of the charges for playschemes as part of the budget setting process for 2010/11.

691 Events Update**691**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources (1) providing an update on events which have taken place over the last few months and highlighting preparations for forthcoming events and (2) on proposals to improve the efficiency of future events.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the progress of events to date during 2009 and the preparations being made to promote events for the remainder of the financial year;
- (2) that a review of the Best Kept Garden event be carried out and recommendations for the future of the event be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee;
- (3) that the Policy & Resources Committee be requested to approve a Christmas switch-on event in Quarrier's Village this year and an allocation of £1,000 from the Common Good Fund for this purpose;
- (4) that it be remitted to the Head of Economic & Social Regeneration in conjunction with the Head of Performance Management & Procurement to procure services related to events on an annual basis; and
- (5) that the Committee's congratulations for organising an excellent events diary 2009 be conveyed to the Events Team.

692 Accord for the Protection of Children in Scottish Sport**692**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the Accord for the Protection of Children in Scottish Sports which provides a support framework to help organisations work towards recommended good practice in protecting children.

Decided:

- (1) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on behalf

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of the Council to sign up to the Accord for the Protection of Children in Scottish Sport; and

(2) that the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources produce an action plan through the Sports Strategy Group to take forward the key elements of the Accord.

693 Commonwealth Games National Legacy Plan**693**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on a document "On Your Marks ..." issued by the Scottish Government on the legacy plans for the Commonwealth Games to be held in Glasgow in 2014, a summarised version of which was appended to the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the National Legacy Plan "On Your Marks ..."; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to submit Inverclyde's Legacy Plan to a future meeting of the Committee as soon as practicable.

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)
Greenock Arts Guild - Update	6 and 9
Gourock Central Development	2, 6 and 9
Ground at Kempock Street, Gourock	2, 6 and 9
Non-Operational Property Portfolio Information Scheme of Delegation Register	2, 6 and 9
Land at Burns Road, Greenock	2, 6 and 9
Land at Kilmacolm Road, Greenock	2, 6 and 9
Land at Moray Road, Port Glasgow	2, 6 and 9

694 Greenock Arts Guild - Update**694**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on the Greenock Arts Guild project.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted and it be noted that a further report on the revenue aspects of the new theatre will be submitted to the next meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee.

695 Gourock Central Development**695**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on

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the progress with development options at the Gourock central area and making recommendations in connection therewith. Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

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| 696 | Ground at Kempock Street, Gourock | 696 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to re-advertise a site at Kempock Street, Gourock for sale on the open market. Following consideration, the Committee agreed to continue consideration of the matter, all as detailed in the appendix.</p> | |
| 697 | Non-Operational Property Portfolio Information Scheme of Delegation Register | 697 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources providing information relative to non-operational property for the period March to September 2009.</p> <p>Noted</p> | |
| 698 | Land at Burns Road, Greenock | 698 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking approval for the disposal of land at Burns Road, Greenock and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.</p> | |
| 699 | Land at Kilmacolm Road, Greenock | 699 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking approval for the disposal of land at Kilmacolm Road, Greenock and the Committee agreed to take action, all as detailed in the appendix.</p> | |
| 700 | Land at Moray Road, Port Glasgow | 700 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking approval for the sale of land at Moray Road, Port Glasgow and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.</p> | |

EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE - 3 NOVEMBER 2009

Education and Lifelong Learning Committee

Tuesday 3 November 2009 at 4.00 pm

Present: Provost McCormick, Councillors Blair, Brooks, Clocherty, Fyfe, MacLeod (for Grieve), Loughran, McIlwee (for 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, Acting Director of Education, 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) and Mr H McNeilly (for Head of Legal & Administration).

Present also: Ms Maggi Allan, Education Advisor to the Council.

Apologies: Councillors Grieve and McCabe.

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

701 HMle Report on St John's Primary School

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education on the results of the HMle external evaluation of St John's Primary School. The report advised that of the indicators of quality, two had been evaluated as "very good" and three as "good".

Mr Mark Coyle, Head Teacher of St John's Primary School, was present and addressed the Committee relative to the inspection report.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee endorse the comments made following the HMle external evaluation of St John's Primary School; and
- (2) that the Committee's appreciation be conveyed to all staff and pupils for the work undertaken to achieve the evaluation.

702 HMle Report on Earnhill Primary School

702

There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education on the results of the HMle external evaluation of Earnhill Primary School. The report advised that of the indicators of quality, one had been evaluated as "excellent" and four as "very good".

Ms Janet Leicester, Head Teacher of Earnhill Primary School, was present and addressed the Committee relative to the inspection report.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee endorse the comments made following the HMle external evaluation of Earnhill Primary School; and
- (2) that the Committee's appreciation be conveyed to all staff and pupils for the work undertaken to achieve the evaluation.

703 HMle Report on Bluebird Family Centre

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education on the results of the HMle and Care Commission inspection of the Bluebird Family Centre. The report

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advised that of the indicators of quality, two had been evaluated as “good” and three as “satisfactory”.

Ms Gillian McDougall, Head of Centre, was present and 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 Bluebird Family Centre; and
- (2) that the Committee’s appreciation be conveyed to all staff and pupils for the work undertaken to achieve the evaluation.

704 Revenue Budget 2009/10 - Period 5

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and Acting Director of Education on the position of the 2009/10 Revenue Budget as at period 5 (31 August 2009) which was projecting an underspend of £24,000 (0.03% of the total Education Budget).

Decided:

- (1) that the current projected underspend of £24,000 in the 2009/10 Revenue Budget as at 31 August 2009 be noted; and
- (2) that the virement request totalling £598,640 detailed in appendix 4 of the report be approved.

705 Capital Programme 2009/12 - Progress

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education and Chief Financial Officer on the progress of the Capital Programme 2009/12.

Noted

706 Education Service Performance Report - July to September 2009

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education (1) advising of the progress made by Education Services during the period July to September 2009 in relation to achieving the service objectives and (2) explaining how this has contributed to the achievement of key corporate priorities.

Decided:

- (1) that the report be approved; and
- (2) that a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee providing further information on positive school leaver destinations.

707 Update on the More Choices, More Chances Initiative

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education providing an update on the progress made with the More Choices, More Chances Initiative.

Noted

708 2 National Reports on Young People: Valuing Young People and Bridging the Gap

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education (1) advising the Committee of the publication of two National Reports on Young People: “Valuing Young People: principles and connections to support young people to achieve their potential” and “Bridging the Gap: improving outcomes for Scotland’s young people through school and youth work partnerships” and (2) reviewing the implications of the reports for work with young people in Inverclyde.

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Decided:

- (1) that the principles outlined in the document: "Valuing Young People" be adopted and that the principles be used to guide those making decisions which affect young people and those delivering services to them; and
- (2) that approval be given to the further development and formalisation of joint working between schools and the Community Learning & Development (CLD) Service in line with the guidelines and good practice highlighted in the report "Bridging the Gap".

709 Proposals to Maximise Impact for Learners, their Families and Communities 709

There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education seeking endorsement of the proposals contained in the paper "Proposals to Maximise Impact for Learners, their Families and Communities" appended to the report.

Decided: that the Committee note and approve the proposals contained in the paper appended to the report.

710 School Green Charters 710

There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education appending information on School Green Charters.

Decided: that the Committee note and approve the report and the information on School Green Charters set out in the appendices.

711 Overarching Statement on Equalities 711

There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education appending a paper entitled "Equalities in Inverclyde Schools: A Single Overarching Equalities Statement".

Noted

712 Update on Progress with the Implementation of the Curriculum for Excellence 712

There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education advising of the progress being made with the Implementation of the Curriculum for Excellence.

Decided: that the Committee note the very good progress being made with the implementation of the Curriculum for Excellence in Inverclyde.

713 Results of the Consultation on Additional Support Needs Provision in Inverclyde 713

There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education (1) providing information on the statutory consultation exercise relating to Additional Support Needs provision in Inverclyde carried out between 14 September and 16 October 2009, (2) highlighting the issues raised during the consultation and the implications which these have for the proposals and (3) seeking approval of the recommendations contained in the report.

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

Decided:

- (1) that a new special needs school be developed to accommodate Lilybank and Glenburn Schools and 8 nursery places from Hillend Children's Centre;
- (2) that the new special school be developed on the site of the new shared campus school in Port Glasgow;
- (3) that places for up to 8 nursery pupils be made available in the new special school;
- (4) that a primary special needs unit be developed in St Francis Primary School for up to 10 pupils; and

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- (5) that Hillend Children's Centre continue to operate as it does at present but with a reduction of 8 pupils who have complex needs and are medically dependent.

714 Review of Admissions and Placing Requests Policy of Inverclyde Council

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education advising of the responses received during the consultation on the review of Admissions and Placing Requests Policy.

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

Decided:

- (1) that the report be noted;
- (2) that agreement be given to the immediate implementation of the Admissions and Placing Requests Policy;
- (3) that it be agreed that Education Services update current catchment area data to bring it into line with the new policy;
- (4) that a working group be established immediately with the remit of drafting the documentation to issue to schools and parents and that the working group include representation by parents and the trade unions;
- (5) that the standard circulars which relate to admission and placing requests be withdrawn and rewritten to reflect the terms of the new policy; and
- (6) that a report be submitted to the Committee by no later than June 2010 on the progress made with the implementation of the policy.

The Convener being of the opinion that the report by the Acting Director of Education on the Use of Suppliers for Unique Services to Education was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Committee to decide on the recommendations 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 6 & 8 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

715 Use of Suppliers for Unique Services to Education

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education seeking approval to procure the services of SJ Educational Support Services Ltd for the provision of attainment analysis for 5-14 assessments (all primary and all secondary schools) and for SQA (all secondary schools).

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

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the use of SJ Educational Support Services Ltd for financial years 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12, as detailed in appendix 1 to the report; and
- (2) that it be noted that this supplier will be included in future annual reports on unique suppliers used by Education Services.

PLANNING BOARD - 4 NOVEMBER 2009

Planning Board

Wednesday 4 November 2009 at 3 pm

Present: Councillors Brooks, Dorrian, Fyfe, Loughran, McCallum, McKenzie, Nelson, 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), Mr H McNeilly (for Head of Legal & Administration) and Mr M Bingham (for Head of Corporate Communications & Public Affairs).

Apologies: Councillor Moran.

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

716 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 to building to incorporate terrace balcony and additional cellarage (time extension to planning permission IC/04/140):**
Café Continental, 40 Kempock Street, Gourock (09/0269/IC)

The report recommended that planning permission be granted.

After discussion, Councillor Wilson moved that planning permission be granted. As an amendment, Councillor Fyfe moved that planning permission be refused as the proposal would result in the loss of car parking space within the car park and could lead to delivery vehicles narrowing the width of the manoeuvring aisle within the car park, to the detriment of shoppers within the area. On a vote, two Members voted for the amendment and seven for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that planning permission be granted.

- (b) **Alterations and refurbishment of existing village centre and old school buildings to facilitate the formation of new community centre together with associated landscaping work (amendment to planning permission 08/0307/IC & listed building consent 08/0019/LB):**
Community Centre, Lochwinnoch Road, Kilmacolm (09/0259/IC & 09/0019/LB)

Councillor Wilson declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a Director of Kilmacolm Community Centre Co Ltd. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber or his participation in the decision making process.

Decided:

- (1) that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-
 - (i) that the development hereby permitted shall be commenced within three years from the date of this permission, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;

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

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

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

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

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

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

(viii) that the roof vent terminals hereby permitted be finished in a colour to match the existing roof, to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority, and be maintained in this colour at all times thereafter, to ensure the effect on the appearance of the roof of the old school building is minimised;

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

(i) 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;

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

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

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

(v) that the roof vent terminals hereby permitted be finished in a colour to match the existing roof, to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority, and be maintained in this colour at all times thereafter, to ensure the effect on the appearance of the roof of the listed

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building is minimised.

**(c) Mixed development comprising 6 industrial units and 28 flats:
Drumfrochar Road, Greenock (08/0311/IC)**

The report recommended that, subject to the applicant entering into a Section 75 Agreement restricting the occupancy of the proposed flats to housing association tenants and preventing commencement of the flats on site until such time as an agreement has been signed with a housing association, planning permission be granted subject to a number of conditions.

Decided:

- (1) that consideration of the application be continued for a period of up to two months to allow the Head of Planning & Housing to consult with the owner of the housing on Drumfrochar Road, across from the application site, on their plans for the houses and to allow the Board to consider the application in the light of information from the East Central Strategy Group; and
- (2) that the Head of Planning & Housing arrange to make available to Members the flood risk and drainage impact assessment.

**(d) Refurbishment of stadium and erection of groundsman's store:
Ravenscraig Stadium, Auchmead Road, Greenock (09/0301/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 3 years from the date of this permission, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997; and
- (2) that no development shall commence until samples of all external materials have been submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Planning Authority. Development thereafter shall proceed utilising the approved materials unless the Planning Authority gives its prior written approval to any alternatives, to ensure a continuity of materials in this part of Greenock.

717 PLANNING APPEAL - 2 CARSEMEADOW, QUARRIERS VILLAGE, BRIDGE OF WEIR

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning & Housing advising that, following the decision of the Board at the meeting held on 6 May 2009 to refuse planning permission for alterations and extension to the dwellinghouse at 2 Carsemeadow, Quarriers Village, Bridge of Weir (08/0317/IC), an appeal against the refusal of planning permission had been submitted to the Scottish Government.

Noted

718 PLANNING APPEAL - 2 WOOD STREET, GREENOCK

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning & Housing advising that, following the decision of the Board at the meeting held on 6 May 2009 to refuse planning permission for an extension and alterations to the house at 2 Wood Street, Greenock (09/0045/IC) and the subsequent appeal by the applicant to the Scottish Government against that refusal, the Reporter appointed by the Scottish Government had issued his decision which was to uphold the appeal.

Noted

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 11 NOVEMBER 2009

General Purposes Board**Wednesday 11 November 2009 at 1.30 pm**

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

Chair: Councillor Ahlfeld presided.

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

Apologies: Councillors Grieve, Moran and Rebecchi.

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

719 Taxi Demand Survey**719**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Administration requesting that the Board note the terms of the report on the demand for taxis in Inverclyde and agree to have regard to the terms of the report when determining applications for taxi licences. The Board heard Mr Stewart Dunlop of the Fraser of Allander Institute who gave a presentation and answered questions from the Members regarding the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report on the demand for taxis in Inverclyde be noted; and
- (2) that when determining applications for taxi licences the terms of the report be taken into consideration.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 11 NOVEMBER 2009

General Purposes BoardWednesday 11 November 2009 at 3 pm

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

Chair: Councillor Ahlfeld presided.

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

Apologies: Councillors Grieve, Moran and Rebecchi.

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

The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Board to make a decision on the matter at the earliest opportunity. This was unanimously agreed.

720 Licensing of Knife Dealers**720**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Administration requesting that the Board fix the application fee for a Knife Dealer's Licence at £269 to include the cost of the required public advertisement of the application.

Decided: that the application fee for a Knife Dealer's Licence be set at £269.

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.

721 Request for Suspension of Second Hand Dealer's Licence: Andrew Galbraith**721**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration on the possible suspension of Mr Galbraith's second hand dealer's licence on the ground that he was no longer a fit and proper person to hold such a licence by virtue of the conduct described in the report.

At its meetings on 12 August and 14 October 2009 the Board had decided to continue consideration of the possible suspension of the licence to allow Mr Galbraith to be in attendance.

The Board heard Constable Gailey and Mr Hendry of Blair and Bryden. Councillor Ahlfeld moved that the licence be suspended with immediate effect for 1 year. As an amendment Councillor Brooks moved that the licence be not suspended. On a vote 2 Members voted for the amendment and 7 for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that the licence be suspended with immediate effect for 1 year.

722 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Steven John Scott**722**

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr Steven John Scott following receipt of an objection by the Chief Constable.

At its meetings on 9 September and 14 October 2009 the Board had decided to continue consideration of the application to allow Mr Scott to be in attendance and to be represented.

The Board heard Constable Gailey and Mr Sweeney of G Keenan and Co. Councillor McKenzie moved that the application be granted. As an amendment Councillor Blair moved that the application be refused. On a vote 3 Members voted for the amendment and 5 for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that the application be granted.

723 Application for Market Operators Licence: Renfrewshire Farmers' Markets Ltd**723**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Administration on an application for a market operator's licence by Renfrewshire Farmers' Markets Ltd following receipt of an objection by Mr Sean Middleton and Mr John Dobbie.

The Board heard Mr Dobbie and Mr Hendry of Blair & Bryden.

The Board adjourned at 4.45 pm and reconvened at 4.55 pm.

Decided:

(1) that the application be granted for 1 year without the special condition that Mr Dobbie and Mr Middleton be permitted onto the market as traders; and

(2) that should an application for renewal be made the outcome of the arbitration should be made available to the Board at that time.