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**Policy & Resources Committee**

**Tuesday 17 August 2010 at 3 pm**

**Present:** Councillors Blair, Brooks, Clocherty, Fyfe, McCabe, McIlwee, Osborne (for MacLeod), Moran, Nelson and Wilson.

**Chair:** Councillor McCabe presided.

**In attendance:** Chief Executive, Corporate Director Community Health & Care Partnership, Corporate Director Education & Communities, Corporate Director Organisational Improvement & Resources, Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance, Head of Customer Service & Business Transformation, Legal Services Manager (Conveyancing & Planning), Legal Services Manager (Procurement & Administration), Mr W Rice (Safer & Inclusive Communities) and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

**421 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 421**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors McKenzie and MacLeod with Councillor Osborne substituting for Councillor MacLeod.  
Councillors Blair, Clocherty and Nelson declared interests in Agenda Items 6 (Support for Owners Fund 2009/10) and 12 (River Clyde Homes - Managed ICT Services).

**422 Procurement Update 422**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing an update on the progress with procurement since the Corporate Procurement Manager came into post in late May 2010 and in particular focusing on the progress being made against the Strategic Procurement Framework and the savings being made largely as a result of collaborative contracts with Scotland Excel and Procurement Scotland.

**Decided:** that the Committee note the good progress made in recent months and that updates on the implementation of the Strategic Procurement Framework and procurement savings will be submitted as required.

**423 Treasury Management - Annual Report 2009/10 423**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the operation of the treasury function and its activities for 2009/10 as required under the terms of Treasury Management Practice 6 ("TMP6") on "Reporting Requirements and Management Information Arrangements".

**Decided:**

(1) that the Committee note the contents of the annual report on Treasury Management for 2009/10 and the ongoing work to ensure the delivery of financial benefits for the Council;

(2) that, in line with new Scottish Government regulations, the annual report be submitted to The Inverclyde Council for consideration; and

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(3) that the Committee's appreciation be conveyed to staff within Finance Services for the results achieved.

**424 2009/10 Efficiency Statement**

**424**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer requesting the Committee to note the Council's 2009/10 Efficiency Statement and to approve its onward transmission to COSLA.

**Decided:** that the Committee note the 2009/10 Efficiency Statement for Inverclyde Council and approve its onward transmission to COSLA.

**425 Proposed Revision to the 2010/11 Revenue Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy**

**425**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) seeking approval to implement savings during the current financial year to counteract the impact of recent funding cuts announced by the incoming Westminster Government and (2) providing the Committee with an update on the medium term revenue position from that approved by the Council in June 2010.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Committee note and approve the latest medium term revenue financial strategy position shown in Appendix 1 to the report;

(2) that the Committee note the key findings of the Independent Review of the Scottish Budget;

(3) that the Committee approve the mid-year savings proposals for 2010/11 as detailed in Appendix 2;

(4) that the Committee approve the proposals contained in Appendix 3 to generate a significant one-off earmarked reserve for the funding of voluntary severance/early retiral;

(5) that the Committee note the progress in respect of the savings workstreams and approve the proposals for keeping the Committee informed of progress;

(6) that the Committee agree that officers work towards developing a 2011/13 Revenue Budget to be approved by The Inverclyde Council in February 2011 and note the high level timetable;

(7) that the Committee note the need to review the 2010/14 Capital Programme and that proposals in this regard will be submitted to the Committee as part of the budget process; and

(8) that the Committee approve the increase in relevant Fees and Charges from 1 January 2011 to reflect the Government's increase in the level of VAT.

**426 Support for Owners Fund 2009/10**

**426**

There were submitted (1) a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on a request from Councillor Fyfe that details be provided of the meeting held between the Housing Minister and a delegation of Members and Officers from Inverclyde Council to discuss, amongst other subjects, the removal of the annuality rule in respect of the Support for Owners Fund following the retention of monies by the Scottish Government in 2009/10, (2) a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the result of the meeting with the Housing Minister and (3) a report to be submitted to the Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee on 31 August 2010 on the distribution of the 2009/10 Support for Owners Fund, the current position of the 2010/11 Fund and the projected position for 2011/12.

Councillors Blair, Clocherty and Nelson declared non-financial interests in this matter as

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Members of the Board of River Clyde Homes. They also formed the view that the nature of their interest and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the Chamber or their participation in the decision making process.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the current position in respect of the Support for Owners Fund; and
- (2) that the matter be referred for consideration by the Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee at its meeting on 31 August 2010.

**427 Corporate Area Renewal Strategy Group**

**427**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking approval for the incorporation of the Corporate Area Renewal Strategy Group (the CARS Group) into the SOA(2) Social Regeneration and Area Renewal Group to reflect changes arising from the restructuring of Council services.

**Decided:**

- (1) that approval be given to the incorporation of the Corporate Area Renewal Strategy Group into the SOA(2) Group;
- (2) that representatives of the Scottish Government Housing Investment Division be invited to join the SOA(2) Group;
- (3) that the Committee acknowledge the work undertaken by the CARS Group to date;
- (4) that approval be given to the SOA(2) Group taking on responsibility for:
  - (a) overseeing and reporting on progress of the implementation of the Area Renewal Fund; and
  - (b) consultation with the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on Area Renewal Fund proposals which should be in line with the Council's corporate priorities prior to submission to the Regeneration Committee for consideration and final approval; and
- (5) that the arrangements for administration and disbursement of the £750,000 Community Facilities Fund which was approved in February 2010 be the subject of a separate report to the Regeneration Committee.

**428 Approval to Advertise a Contract on Procurement Scotland's National Advertising Portal**

**428**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities seeking approval, in accordance with Standing Order 6.1 of the Council's Standing Orders relating to Contracts, to advertise a contract for the internal design and fit out for the new Kilmacolm Library on the national advertising portal established by the Scottish Procurement Directorate's National Centre of Expertise (Procurement Scotland).

**Decided:** that approval be given to advertise the contract on the basis outlined in the report.

**429 Procurement of Consultancy Advice - Homologation of Decision Relating to Recruitment**

**429**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance requesting the Committee to homologate decisions taken to procure consultancy advice in relation to the recruiting of certain Chief Officer positions.

**Decided:**

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- (1) that the Committee homologate the procurement of consultancy advice in relation to the recruitment of Chief Officer positions notwithstanding the terms of the Standing Orders relating to Contracts;
- (2) that approval be given to the utilisation of the National Procurement Framework being established by the Scottish Government in relation to the procurement of consultancy advice in future recruitment exercises;
- (3) that the funding route for the projected cost of £11,083 be noted; and
- (4) that it be noted that the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance will be undertaking a survey of Elected Members and appropriate Officers to ascertain their views on the effectiveness of conducting psychometric testing as part of the recruitment process for Chief Officer posts.

**430 Establishment of the Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership (ICHCP) 430**

It was noted that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda and would be the subject of a report to the meeting of the Health & Social Care Committee to be held on 26 August 2010.

**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)
<b>Permission to Issue Tenders to Specialist Contractors not on Standing Restricted List - Diversion of Water Main at Overton Primary School - Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive</b>	<b>6 and 8</b>
<b>Permission to Issue Tenders to Specialist Contractors not on Standing Restricted List - Removals and Decants - Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive</b>	<b>6 and 8</b>
<b>River Clyde Homes - Managed ICT Services</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Proposed HM Prison</b>	<b>6, 8 and 9</b>
<b>Voluntary Severance Trawls and Releases to Date</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Additional Item: Commissioning Consultant Support</b>	<b>1</b>

**431 Permission to Issue Tenders to Specialist Contractors not on Standing Restricted List - Diversion of Water Main at Overton Primary School - Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive 431**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to issue tenders for the diversion of a water mains at Overton Primary School, Greenock to specialist

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contractors not on the Standing Restricted List.

**Noted**

**432 Permission to Issue Tenders to Specialist Contractors not on Standing Restricted List - Removals and Decants - Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive 432**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to issue tenders for various removals and decants to specialist contractors not on the Standing Restricted List.

**Noted**

**433 River Clyde Homes - Managed ICT Services 433**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Organisational Improvement & Resources seeking approval to homologate action taken in connection with River Clyde Homes' Managed ICT Services contract which was agreed, all as detailed in the appendix.

Councillors Blair, Clocherty and Nelson declared non-financial interests in this matter as Members of the Board of River Clyde Homes. They also formed the view that the nature of their interest and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the Chamber or their participation in the decision making process.

**434 Proposed HM Prison 434**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) requesting the Committee to consider land transfer arrangements which are essential for the Scottish Prison Service commitments to the relocation of Greenock Prison to the new site at Glenburn School and the former Greenock High School and (2) seeking approval for the disposal of the site which was agreed, all as detailed in the appendix.

**435 Voluntary Severance Trawls and Releases to Date 435**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance providing an update on the release of employees under the delegated authority granted to the Chief Executive.

**Decided:** that the Committee note that 22 employees have been released by the Chief Executive since 30 March 2010 under the Scheme of Delegation granted to him.

**The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Committee, if in agreement, to authorise the procurement and appointment of consultant support at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.**

**436 Commissioning Consultant Support 436**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking authority to procure and appoint consultant support to deliver the commissioning model as developed and implemented for the Fairer Scotland Fund.

**Decided:** that delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Director Regeneration &

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Environment to advertise for consultant support on the Public Contracts Scotland advertising portal and then to appoint suitable consultants to provide appropriate support to delivery the commissioning model.