

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 8 FEBRUARY 2011

Policy & Resources Committee

Tuesday 8 February 2011 at 3 pm

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

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Community Health & Care Partnership, Corporate Director Education & Communities, Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance, Legal Services Manager (Procurement & Administration) and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

92 **Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest** **92**

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Wilson with Councillor Ahlfeld substituting.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

93 **Policy & Resources Committee 2010/11 Revenue Budget - Period 8 to 30 November 2010** **93**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment and Chief Financial Officer on the position of the 2010/11 Revenue Budget as at Period 8 (30 November 2010).

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

Decided: that the Committee note the current projected underspend for 2010/11 of £773,000 as at 30 November 2010.

94 **General Fund Revenue Budget 2010/11 - Period 8** **94**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the position of the 2010/11 General Fund Revenue Budget as at 30 November 2010 and (2) providing an update in respect of the Earmarked Reserves and the General Fund Reserves.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the information contained in appendices 1, 2 and 3 of the report; and

(2) that the Committee consider the information contained within the report when approving the 2011/13 Revenue Budget at the meeting of The Inverclyde Council on 10 February 2011.

95 **Capital Programme 2010/14** **95**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the current position of the 2010/14 Capital Programme.

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Decided: that the Committee note the current position of the 2010/14 Capital Programme and that the Council will agree a 2011/14 Capital Programme at the meeting on 10 February 2011.

96 Policy & Resources Capital Programme (2010/11 - 13/14) Progress Report 96

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) providing an update on the status of the projects forming the Policy & Resources Capital Programme and (2) highlighting the actual spend as at 31 December 2010.

Noted

97 Treasury Management - Counterparty Investment Limits 97

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) requesting a temporary increase in the Council's Counterparty Limit for investments with the Bank of Scotland and (2) seeking homologation for exceeding the current limit during December 2010 and January 2011.

Decided:

(1) that approval be given to an increase in the Treasury Management Practices Counterparty limit with the Bank of Scotland from £50M to £60M until the end of April 2011; and

(2) that the exceeding of the Treasury Management Practices limit with the Bank of Scotland in December 2010 and January 2011 be homologated.

98 Corporate Performance Report 98

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Organisational Improvement & Resources providing corporate performance information collected in mid December 2010.

The Chief Executive advised the Committee that the performance level for the sickness absence indicator for the Council, including the Community Health & Care Partnership, was 5.12%.

During the course of discussion on this item, it was noted that the Directorate performance reports submitted to the Service Committees contain more detailed performance information.

Decided:

(1) that the performance information contained in the report and the update by the Chief Executive be endorsed; and

(2) that it be noted further reports on corporate performance will be submitted to future meetings of the Committee.

99 Inverclyde Council 2011/13 Budget - Updated Position 99

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing the Committee with updated information in respect of the 2011/13 budget to allow Members to agree a budget at the meeting of The Inverclyde Council on 10 February 2011.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the latest information in respect of the 2011/13 budget; and

(2) that it be noted that at the meeting of The Inverclyde Council on 10 February 2011 decisions will be required in respect of:-

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- (a) the 2011/13 Revenue Budget;
- (b) the 2011/14 Capital Programme;
- (c) the 2011/13 Common Good Budget; and
- (d) the General Fund Revenue Reserves.

100 Standing Orders Relating to Contracts

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services seeking approval of revised Standing Orders relating to Contracts all as detailed in appendix 1 to the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the revised Standing Orders relating to Contracts all as detailed in appendix 1 to the report be approved;
- (2) that it be recommended to The Inverclyde Council that it formally resolves to adopt the aforesaid revised Standing Orders relating to Contracts; and
- (3) that it be noted a briefing session will be held for Members in April in relation to the Corporate Procurement Manual referred to in the revised Standing Orders.

101 Royal Wedding - 29 April 2011

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance on the announcement by the UK and Scottish Governments that there will be an additional one-off holiday on Friday 29 April 2011 to celebrate the wedding of His Royal Highness Prince William and Miss Catherine Middleton.

Decided:

- (1) that the Council agree to celebrate the wedding of His Royal Highness Prince William and Miss Catherine Middleton on 29 April 2011; and
- (2) that an additional annual leave day (fixed) be granted to employees on Friday 29 April 2011.

102 Shared Support Services Workstream - Use of Emergency Powers

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Organisational Improvement & Resources on the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to approve participation by the Council in the next phase of the Shared Support Services Workstream and the allocation of up to £40,000 to meet the Council's share of development costs.

Noted

103 Roads Maintenance Budget 2010/11 - Remit from Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on a remit from the Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee of 18 January 2011 requesting that the Policy & Resources Committee approve funding for up to £200,000 projected overspend in winter maintenance from the General Fund Contingency and for a one-off sum of £200,000 for extra pavement/roads repairs to be funded from the General Fund Reserve in 2010/11.

Decided: that approval be given to the allocation of funding for up to £200,000 projected overspend in winter maintenance from the General Fund Contingency and for a one-off sum of £200,000 for extra pavement/roads repairs to be funded from the General Fund

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Reserve in 2010/11.

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)
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Staffing Restructure - Homelessness Services - Remit from Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership Sub-Committee	1

104 Teachers' Refresh Trawl and Release of an Employee 104

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance requesting the Committee to (1) agree to a teachers' refresh trawl being carried out, (2) release an employee and (3) delegate authority to the Chief Executive to release teachers as a result of the formation of Clydevew Academy.

Decided:

- (1) that agreement be given to a teachers' refresh trawl being undertaken with up to four added years being awarded to employees;
- (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive until 30 June 2011 to release employees as part of the teachers' refresh trawl;
- (3) that an update report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee once the trawl has been completed;
- (4) that approval be given to the release of the employee detailed in appendix 1 to the report; and
- (5) that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive to release teachers as a result of the merging of Greenock Academy and Gourrock High School.

105 Play Area Strategy - Various Projects - Use of Emergency Powers 105

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 tender documents for the various contracts which make up the Council's Play Area Action Plan to specialist contractors not included on the Council's list of approved contractors.

Noted

106 Depot Rationalisation Proposals - Remit from Regeneration Committee 106

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on a remit from the Regeneration Committee of 20 January 2011 requesting that the Policy & Resources Committee approve the financial implications of the depot rationalisation

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proposals as outlined in section 6 of the report to the Regeneration Committee a copy of which was appended to the report.

Decided: that the financial implications of the depot rationalisation proposals as outlined in section 6 of the report to the Regeneration Committee be approved.

107 Staffing Restructure - Homelessness Services - Remit from Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership Sub-Committee

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on a remit from the Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership Sub-Committee of 13 January 2011 relative to the proposed new staffing structure for Homelessness Services within the CHCP Directorate.

Decided: that approval be given to the implementation of the new staffing structure for Homelessness Services within the CHCP Directorate.