

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 29 MARCH 2011

Policy & Resources Committee

Tuesday 29 March 2011 at 3 pm

Present: Councillors Blair, Clocherty, McCabe, McIlwee, McKenzie, MacLeod, Provost McCormick (for Councillor Moran), Nelson and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor McKenzie presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership, Chief Financial Officer, Mr G Malone (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Mr P MacDonald (Legal & Democratic Services), Ms B McQuarrie (for Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance), Corporate Communications Manager and Ms L Frizell, Corporate Policy Officer.

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

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| 234 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 234 |
| | Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Brooks, Moran and White with Provost McCormick substituting for Councillor Moran. | |
| | No declarations of interest were intimated. | |
| 235 | Policy & Resources Committee 2010/11 Revenue Budget - Period 10 to 31 January 2011 | 235 |
| | 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 10 (31 January 2011). | |
| | Decided: that the Committee note the current projected underspend for 2010/11 of £918,000 as at 31 January 2011. | |
| 236 | The General Fund Revenue Budget 2010/11 - Period 10 | 236 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the position of the 2010/11 General Fund Revenue Budget as at Period 10 (31 January 2011) and (2) providing an update in respect of Earmarked Reserves and the General Fund Reserves. | |
| | Noted | |
| 237 | Capital Programme 2010/14 | 237 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the current position of the 2010/14 Capital Programme. | |
| | Noted | |
| 238 | Policy & Resources Capital Programme (2010/11 - 13/14) Progress Report | 238 |
| | 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 2010/11 - | |

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13/14 and (2) highlighting the actual spend as at 31 January 2011.

Noted

239 Organisational Improvement & Resources Directorate Performance Report 239

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance and the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the progress made by the Organisational Improvement & Resources Directorate in achieving its key objectives as set out in its Directorate Plan for 2010/11 and (2) advising on 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 a new Directorate Plan will be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee and that further reports on the performance of the Directorate will be submitted in Autumn 2011.

240 Regeneration and Environment Directorate Performance Report 240

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) on the progress made by the Regeneration and Environment Directorate in achieving its key objectives as they relate to the work and remit of the Policy & Resources Committee as set out in its Directorate Plan for 2008/11 and (2) advising on 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 performance will be submitted to future meetings of the Committee.

241 Procurement - Update 241

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) providing an update on the progress being made with procurement, particularly against the Strategic Procurement Framework, since the last report to the Committee in November 2010, (2) giving an update on the savings being made and (3) including a summary of the 2010 procurement capability assessment results.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the progress made since the last report and that further updates on the implementation of the Strategic Procurement Framework and procurement savings will be submitted as required; and
- (2) that a report providing information on the performance of Inverclyde in the area of procurement in comparison with other local authorities be submitted to the meeting of the Committee following the summer recess.

242 Responding to the Economic Downturn - Position Statement 242

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) providing an update on the action plan produced to respond to the economic downturn in Inverclyde and (2) seeking approval to wind up the Officer Working Group.

Decided:

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(1) that the Committee note the latest update from the Economic Downturn Officer Working Group; and

(2) that it be agreed that in future, updates on the relevant actions and statistics be supplied to the appropriate Committee through other strategic documents and the Council's overall performance reporting framework.

243 Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2011/12 - 2013/14 243

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for 2011/14, Treasury Policy Limits, the Council's Prudential and Treasury Management Indicators for the next three years and the List of Permitted Investments.

Decided: that the Treasury Management Strategy, Annual Investment Strategy, Treasury Policy Limits, Prudential Indicators, Treasury Management Indicators and List of Permitted Investments (including those for the Common Good Fund) be remitted to the Inverclyde Council for approval.

244 Treasury Management Practices - Triennial Review 244

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer seeking approval for revised Treasury Management Practices which require to be reviewed by the Committee every three years.

Decided:

(1) that approval be given to the revised Treasury Management Practices appended to the report; and

(2) that delegated authority be granted to the Chief Financial Officer to make changes to the Treasury Management Practices as required to reflect any future changes in organisational structures, bankers, treasury consultants, technology or credit worthiness selection methodology.

245 Results from Winter 2010 Citizens' Panel Survey 245

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance on the headline results from the Winter 2010 Citizens' Panel Survey.

Decided:

(1) that the content of the report be noted;

(2) that it be agreed that the SOA Outcome Delivery Groups address the key issues raised in the survey; and

(3) that a further report on the effect of the employability measures implemented within Inverclyde be submitted to the Regeneration Committee.

Councillor Wilson left the meeting at this juncture.

246 Common Good Asset Review 246

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services (1) advising of the completion of the Common Good Asset Review and (2) making recommendations on its outcome.

Decided:

(1) that the Council's financial records be amended to list the heritable assets

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detailed in appendix 1 as part of the Common Good Estate;

(2) that the Council publish, via its website, a Common Good Asset Register making these findings available to the general public in such suitable form as the Head of Legal & Democratic Services approves, subject to consultation with ICT and Corporate Communications;

(3) that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer to keep the register updated and accurate with any such additions and deletions as are required from time to time;

(4) that the Council's current practice of maintaining one consolidated Common Good Fund for the three former burghs be continued;

(5) that the provisions of paragraph 4.9 be adopted as the Council's practice for accounting for receipts and expenditure in respect of the Common Good; and

(6) that a report be submitted to the Regeneration Committee on the potential future use of the Fyfe Shore Depot.

247 Tender for Print and Design Services Including High Volume Copying

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) seeking approval to issue tenders for the supply and delivery of print and design services including high volume copying and (2) requesting authority to extend the current contracts to 31 August 2011.

Decided:

(1) that approval be given to the issue of tender documents for the supply and delivery of print and design services including high volume copying; and

(2) that approval be given to extend the current contracts to 31 August 2011.

248 Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board - Update

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing an update in respect of the Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board.

Decided: that the Committee note the Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board minute of 19 November 2010 and the 2011/12 Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board Budget as set out in appendices 1 and 2 of the report.

249 Scottish Public Information Notices Portal

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive with proposals as to how Inverclyde Council will work with the Scottish Public Information Notices Portal (PINs).

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the setting up of a Cross Service Working Group to consider the implementation of the PINs Portal in Inverclyde; and

(2) that the recommendations of the Working Group be submitted to the Committee for consideration.

It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 6 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

250 Kempock Development - Progress Report**250**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership (1) on the progress of the tendering process for the joint development with NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde for the provision of continuing health care and nursing health care beds, particularly in respect of the elderly mentally ill, and (2) making a recommendation in this regard, which was agreed, all as detailed in the appendix.