

REGENERATION COMMITTEE - 12 MAY 2011

Regeneration Committee

Thursday 12 May 2011 at 3 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Blair, Clocherty, Loughran, McCallum, McCabe, McKenzie, MacLeod, Nelson, Osborne and White.

Chair: Councillor Ahlfeld presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Corporate Director Education & Communities, Ms M McCabe (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management, Head of Regeneration & Planning, Ms J Hill (Regeneration & Planning Service), Property Assets Manager, Corporate Communications Manager and Service Manager (Community Learning & Development).

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

351 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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No apologies for absence were intimated.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:-

Agenda Item 9 (Sail Inverclyde - The Tall Ships Races Greenock, 2011) - Councillors Clocherty and Osborne.

Agenda Item 10 (Grants to Voluntary Organisations - Revised Arrangements) - Councillor MacLeod.

Agenda Item 11 (Grants to Voluntary Organisations - Commissioned Services) - Councillor MacLeod.

Agenda Item 13 (Indoor Bowling Facilities Within Inverclyde) - Councillors Ahlfeld, MacLeod and White.

Agenda Item 14 (Riverside Inverclyde - Operating Plan 2011-12) - Councillors Clocherty and Osborne.

Agenda Item 16 (Building Services - RCH Internal Refurbishment Framework) - Councillors Blair, Clocherty, Loughran, McCabe and Nelson.

Agenda Item 19 (Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive - RCH Internal Refurbishment Contract) - Councillors Blair, Clocherty, Loughran, McCabe and Nelson.

352 Sail Inverclyde - The Tall Ships Races Greenock, 2011

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) on the current income levels for the Tall Ships Races 2011 as at March 2011 and (2) outlining the type of event being developed within the limits of this income along with the income projected from trading and concessions.

Councillors Clocherty and Osborne declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Members of the Board of Sail Inverclyde Ltd. 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.

Mrs H Drummond, Project Manager, Sail Inverclyde Ltd, was present and made a

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presentation on the event. She then answered a number of questions from Members. Councillor Wilson was present and with consent spoke on the matter, particularly to thank the Council for the financial and other support provided.

Decided: that the contents of the report and the presentation by Mrs Drummond be noted.

Mrs Drummond and Councillor Wilson departed from the meeting following consideration of this item of business.

353 Regeneration and Resources Revenue Budget 2010/11 - Period 11 to 28 February 2011 353

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment and Corporate Director Education & Communities on the position of the Revenue Budget 2010/11 as at Period 11 (28 February 2011) which showed a projected underspend of £306,000, a decrease of £367,000 since the last meeting of the Committee.

Decided: that the current projected underspend of £306,000 for 2010/11, as at 28 February 2011, be noted.

354 Building Services Trading Account Revenue Budget 2010/11 - Period 11 to 28 February 2011 354

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on the position of the Building Services Trading Account as at Period 11 (28 February 2011) which projected a cash surplus of £279,000 achieving both the cash target and statutory target.

Noted

355 Capital Programme 2010/11 to 2013/14 - Progress 355

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment and the Chief Financial Officer on the position of the Capital Programme 2010/11 to 2013/14.

Noted

356 Inverclyde Economic Regeneration Strategy 2011-2014 356

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking approval (1) of the Inverclyde Economic Regeneration Strategy 2011-2014, a copy of which was appended to the report, and (2) for a formal launch of the Strategy on a date to be agreed.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the Inverclyde Economic Regeneration Strategy 2011-2014 appended to the report;
- (2) that a formal launch of the Strategy be held on a date to be agreed; and
- (3) that the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment submit update reports to the Committee on a six monthly basis.

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357 Fairer Scotland Fund 2008-2011 and Commissioned Services 2011-2012**357**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on (1) the final financial position and performance of the Fairer Scotland Fund Programme 2008-2011 and (2) the Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee's decisions in respect of commissioning.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the excellent work which has been completed by a range of contractors delivering services to address deprivation in Inverclyde;
- (2) that it be noted the Council has completed the procurement of additional services for 2011-2012 and that appropriate contracts have been issued to successful contractors;
- (3) that the success in the leverage of additional European funding be noted; and
- (4) that regular monitoring reports be presented to the Committee.

358 Future Jobs Fund - Update**358**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on the final phase of the Future Jobs Fund programme and the future delivery of this type of activity as part of the Council's end-to-end employability programme.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the successful delivery of the Future Jobs Fund programme including the impact on individuals and the economic benefits to the Inverclyde economy;
- (2) that the Committee note the excellent partnership work that has been established including Inverclyde Council, Jobcentre Plus and Inverclyde Community Development Trust, the last having successfully engaged a significant number of employers and ensured a wide range of community benefits; and
- (3) that the Leader of the Council write to the relevant MP and MSP seeking details as to how the UK National Work Programme and Community Jobs Fund Programme will operate, the amount of funding to be allocated to the Council and when such funding is likely to be awarded.

359 Modern Apprenticeships - Additional Placements**359**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) updating the Committee on the Modern Apprenticeship training programme and (2) seeking authority in respect of the opportunity to extend the current training programme.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the successful delivery of the Council's Modern Apprenticeship training programme; and
- (2) that the Committee endorse the tender submission in potentially providing additional opportunities by seeking the support of external companies in providing placements and that it be delegated to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to accept and manage the potential contract for additional Modern Apprenticeship places.

360 Grants to Voluntary Organisations - Revised Arrangements**360**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities seeking approval of revised arrangements for the award of small grants, of £5,000 and

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under, from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations budget.

Councillor MacLeod declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a director of Inverclyde Council on Disability, an organisation which had received funding from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations budget. 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: that the Committee approve the revised arrangements for the award of small grants from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations budget subject to review by the Convener, in consultation with the relevant officers, of the wording of the last bullet point under the "We will not ..." section of the guidance notes to take account of Members' comments regarding the term "substantial funding from another source".

361 Grants to Voluntary Organisations - Commissioned Services

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment providing an update on the review of the commissioned element of Grants to Voluntary Organisations.

Councillor MacLeod declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a director of Inverclyde Council on Disability, an organisation which had received funding from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations budget. 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: that it be noted that following the review of the commissioned element of the Grants to Voluntary Organisations it remains appropriate that the Grants Sub-Committee give consideration to allocating up to three year's funding to suitable organisations, subject to budgetary considerations.

362 Area Renewal Fund - Request For Funding

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking approval to award a sum of up to £10,000 to the Inverclyde Association for Mental Health to undertake a feasibility study with a view to establishing a new enterprise base for its activities.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee approve the award of up to £10,000 from the Area Renewal Fund to the Inverclyde Association for Mental Health for the purpose of undertaking a feasibility study as detailed in paragraph 2.3 of the report; and

(2) that the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment be instructed to make the necessary financial arrangements on behalf of the Council.

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.

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363	Indoor Bowling Facilities Within Inverclyde	363
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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment and the Corporate Director Education & Communities (1) on the feasibility of providing indoor bowling within Inverclyde and (2) setting out a number of options which had been considered.

Councillors Ahlfeld, MacLeod and White declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Members of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure. Councillor Ahlfeld vacated the Chair and left the meeting and Councillor McCabe assumed the Chair. Councillors MacLeod and White 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.

Councillor Ahlfeld returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business but did not participate in the decision making process.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended and that a report on progress be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee, all as detailed in the appendix.

Councillor Ahlfeld resumed the Chair at this juncture.

364	Riverside Inverclyde - Operating Plan 2011-12	364
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There was submitted amended report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) advising of the financial settlement for 2011-12 from the Scottish Government/Enterprise to Riverside Inverclyde (ri), (2) seeking endorsement of Riverside Inverclyde's Operating Plan - Financial Breakdown 2011-12 and (3) updating Members on a number of matters.

Councillors Clocherty and Osborne declared a non-financial interest in this matter as members of the Board of Riverside Inverclyde. 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.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

365	Appendix 2 Relative to Agenda Item 6	365
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There was submitted appendix 2 relative to agenda item 6 (Fairer Scotland Fund 2008-

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11 and Commissioned Services 2011-12) providing details of preferred tenders.

Noted

366 Building Services - RCH Internal Refurbishment Framework

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising of action taken by River Clyde Homes in respect of the internal refurbishment contract and the Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management updated the Committee.

Councillors Blair, Clocherty, Loughran and Nelson declared a non-financial interest 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.

Following consideration, the Committee (1) noted the terms of the report and the information provided by the Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management and (2) remitted it to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to submit a further report, all as detailed in the appendix.

367 Non Operational Property Portfolio Information Scheme of Delegation Register

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment providing information relative to non-operational property for the period October 2010 to April 2011.

Noted

368 Property Assets Management Report

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on activities and proposals for the management of the Council's property assets.

Decided:

(1) that the final position relating to the sale of the Greenock High and Glenburn Schools site be noted;

(2) that the Committee note the relocation of the various arts groups from the Old Pavilion at Battery Park and Neil Street workshops into the former Resource Centre at Glenburn School;

(3) that the Old Pavilion at Battery Park as shown hatched/outlined on the plan appended to the report be declared surplus to requirements and that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to seek tenders for the demolition of the building, including tarmac covering to the resultant site to permit car parking, and to accept the most economically advantageous tender;

(4) that the Neil Street workshops as shown outlined/hatched on the plan appended to the report be declared surplus to requirements and that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to place the property on the open market and to invite offers to lease or buy the premises for commercial use at a time when it is considered market conditions are favourable; and

(5) that approval be given to negotiation for the disposal of the former Social Work offices at Nicol Street shown outlined/hatched on the plan appended to the report with the party detailed in view of the circumstances narrated within the report and that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to conclude negotiations and thereafter conclude the disposal of the property to the party on terms considered suitable to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services and the Chief Financial Officer.

369 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive - RCH Internal Refurbishment Contract 369

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive for approval to submit a tender for River Clyde Homes' internal refurbishment contract.

Councillors Blair, Clocherty, Loughran and Nelson declared a non-financial interest 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.

Noted

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 lease, if agreed by the Committee, to be concluded at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.

370 Lease of Premises: Grieve Road, Greenock 370

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking approval to grant a lease of premises in Grieve Road, Greenock and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.