

**POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 24 MAY 2011**

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**Policy & Resources Committee**

**Tuesday 24 May 2011 at 3 pm**

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

**Chair:** Councillor McKenzie presided.

**In attendance:** Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education & Communities, Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership, Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Chief Financial Officer, Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Ms B McQuarrie (for Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance), Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management, Head of Regeneration & Planning and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

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| <b>377</b> | <b>Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest</b>   | <b>377</b> |
|            | <p>An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Wilson with Councillor Ahlfeld substituting.</p> <p>No declarations of interest were intimated.</p>  |            |
| <b>378</b> | <b>Policy &amp; Resources Committee 2010/11 Revenue Budget - Period 11 to 28 February 2011</b>   | <b>378</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, Corporate Director Regeneration &amp; Environment and Chief Financial Officer on the position of the 2010/11 Revenue Budget as at period 11 (28 February 2011).</p> <p><b>Decided:</b> that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £1,042,000 for 2010/11 as at 28 February 2011.</p>  |            |
| <b>379</b> | <b>General Fund Revenue Budget 2010/11 - Period 11 and Initial Position of the General Fund Revenue Budget 2011/12</b>   | <b>379</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on (1) the latest projected outturn position for the General Fund Revenue Budget 2010/11 and (2) the initial position of the General Fund Revenue Budget 2011/12.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b></p> <p>(1) that the Committee note the information contained in the report and the various appendices; and</p> <p>(2) that it be noted a full update of the Financial Strategy will be presented to the next meeting of The Inverclyde Council on 9 June 2011.</p> |            |
| <b>380</b> | <b>Capital Programme 2010/14</b>   | <b>380</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the current position of the Capital Programme 2010/14.</p>   |            |

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**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the current position of the Capital Programme 2010/14; and
- (2) that approval be given to the proposal in respect of the Leisure Strategy surplus outlined in paragraph 7.3 of the report.

**381      Policy & Resources Capital Programme (2010/11 - 13/14) Progress Report      381**

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 – 13/14 and (2) highlighting the actual spend as at 28 February 2011.

The Chief Financial Officer advised the Committee that the estimated completion date for the interim disaster recovery/business continuity work was now June 2011.

**Noted**

**382      Treasury Management - Annual Report 2010/11      382**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer advising Members of the operation of the treasury function and its activities for 2010/11 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 2010/11 and the ongoing work to ensure the delivery of financial benefits for the Council;
- (2) that the Annual Report be remitted to the Council for consideration; and
- (3) that it be agreed to:
  - (a) approve the negotiation with Sector Treasury Services Ltd for treasury adviser services for a contract of 3 years with an optional 1 year extension, subject to the approval of the Chief Financial Officer and Head of Legal & Democratic Services and the annual cost not exceeding £18,000 per year;
  - (b) extend the increased Treasury Management Practices limit of £60M with the Bank of Scotland until the end of March 2012; and
  - (c) homologate any exceeding of the Council's Treasury Management Practices limit with the Bank of Scotland between the end of April 2011 and the date of the Committee.

**383      Corporate Performance Report      383**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance and Chief Financial Officer providing corporate performance information collected in mid April 2011.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the performance information contained in the report be endorsed; and
- (2) that it be noted further reports on corporate performance will be submitted to future meetings of the Committee, the further reports to include tables in respect of the Directorate Plan measures in the section of the report on "progress towards achieving our corporate outcomes".

**384      Request to Proceed to Tender - Banking Services      384**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer seeking approval to issue

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tenders for the Council's banking services as the current contract is due to expire on 31 March 2012.

**Decided:** that approval be given to the issuing of tenders in respect of the Council's banking services for an initial period of five years followed by a further option to extend for three years.

**385 Debt Management Partner Tender**

**385**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) seeking approval to issue tenders for the appointment of a debt management partner as the current contract is due to expire on 31 March 2012 and (2) advising of the potential for legal challenge over non payment of fees where there has been unsuccessful diligence.

**Decided:**

(1) that approval be given to the invitation of tenders for the supply of debt management services; and

(2) that the Committee note the potential for legal challenge when the tender is issued.

**386 Workstream Savings Target Review and Budget Topslice/Efficiency Proposals**

**386**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) seeking approval to amend a number of the Workstream Savings Targets previously approved and (2) recommending specific topslice/efficiency savings.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Committee approve the new targets for the Savings Workstreams 2010/14 set out in appendix 1 to the report; and

(2) that the Committee approve the proposals in respect of the topslice/efficiency workstream for 2011/12 as set out in appendix 2 and, in principle, the proposals in respect of employee travel which will be the subject of a further report to the Committee.

**387 The Council's Governance Responsibilities - External Organisations**

**387**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer outlining a suggested approach to the Council's governance responsibilities relating to external organisations.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Committee note the contents of the report and agree to the implementation of the approach outlined; and

(2) that it be remitted to the Chief Financial Officer to submit a report on progress to the meeting of the Committee following the summer recess 2012.

**388 Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009: Public Bodies' Duties**

**388**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising of action required by the Council to comply with the Public Bodies' Duties of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009.

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

**Decided:**

(1) that the Committee note the publication of the Public Bodies' Guidance and the duties places on the Council by the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009; and

(2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to submit an action plan for approval to the Corporate Management Team and the Safe,

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Sustainable Communities Committee and to work with Directorates to implement the suggested actions outlined in the appendix to the report.

**389 Health Impact Assessment - Gourock Highland Games**

**389**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning, Health Improvement & Commissioning, Inverclyde CHCP providing details of the headline results from the Health Impact Assessment of the Gourock Highland Games.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the contents of the report; and
- (2) that the SOA Outcome Delivery Groups and the Council address the key issues raised in the survey as follows:-
  - (a) Inverclyde Council should look to encourage smoke free environments particularly those where a high incidence of young people and families is present;
  - (b) licensed bars and areas where alcohol is available should be positioned away from children and related family areas at relevant Council events. Alcohol sponsorship should be limited to reflect the above with the eventual eradication of such product marketing;
  - (c) public transport providers should be involved in the planning of events to encourage greater use and reduction in event traffic;
  - (d) the catering tender process should be used to encourage vendors to offer at least 50% of the menu reflecting the requirements in line with the Healthy Living Award criteria;
  - (e) health related information and events should be incorporated and included within events; and
  - (f) local businesses should be encouraged to tender for this event with guidance offered to such enterprises regarding the healthy catering requirements noted above.

**390 Standby & Disturbance Allowance Review**

**390**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance recommending a rationalised Standby and Disturbance Allowance Scheme for all Council employees covered by Local Government Employee (LGE) conditions of service following a review of current Standby and Disturbance arrangements.

**Decided:** that agreement be given to the revised Standby and Disturbance Allowance Scheme as set out in appendix 1 to the report.

**391 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive - Commission on the Future Delivery of Public Services**

**391**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive on the use of the powers delegated to him to respond on behalf of the Council to the Commission on the Future Delivery of Public Services (the "Christie Commission") and the Strategic Leadership Forum's approval of the underpinning principles of the Council's representations.

**Noted**

**392 Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board - Update**

**392**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer appending the minute of the Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board of 14 January 2011.

**Noted**

**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 the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act as are set opposite each item:-

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393	Amendment to Chief Executive's Staffing Structure	393
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There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance recommending an amendment to the Chief Executive's staffing structure and the Committee agreed to the recommendation, all as detailed in the appendix.

394	Indoor Bowling Facilities within Inverclyde - Remit from Regeneration Committee	394
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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on a remit from the Regeneration Committee of 12 May 2011 requesting that the Policy & Resources Committee approve the financial implications relating to the provision of indoor bowling facilities within Inverclyde outlined in paragraphs 5.2 and 6 of the report to the Regeneration Committee.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee approve the financial implications relating to the provision of indoor bowling facilities within Inverclyde outlined in paragraphs 5.2 and 6 of the report to the Regeneration Committee; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to consult with the Convener of the Policy & Resources Committee and the Convener of the Regeneration Committee and, subject to their agreement in relation to the number of bowling members taking up membership by the end of June 2011, to invest up to £150,000 from the Strategic Leisure funding to enable the existing facility to be reopened.