

REGENERATION COMMITTEE - 19 JANUARY 2012

Regeneration CommitteeThursday 19 January 2012 at 3 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Blair, Clocherty, Loughran, McCallum, McCabe, Dorrian (for McKenzie), MacLeod and Nelson.

Chair: Councillor Ahlfeld presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Corporate Director Education & Communities, Ms M McCabe (for Chief Financial Officer), Ms V Pollock (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management, Head of Regeneration & Planning, Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Ms M Paterson (Community Learning & Development) and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications & Public Affairs).

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

57 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors McKenzie, Osborne and White with Councillor Dorrian substituting for Councillor McKenzie.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:-

Agenda Item 2 (Regeneration Revenue Budget 2011/12 - Period 7) - Councillor Clocherty.

Agenda Item 6 (Regeneration Fund Programme 2011-2012 - Funding Update) - Councillor MacLeod.

Agenda Item 7 (The Tall Ships Event, Greenock, July 2011 - Economic Impact Assessment) - Councillor Clocherty.

Agenda Item 10 (Strategic Leisure Sites: Review of Rankin Park Covered Football Provision) - Councillors Ahlfeld, Dorrian and MacLeod.

58 Regeneration Revenue Budget 2011/12 - Period 7

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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 2011/12 as at period 7 (31 October 2011) which showed a projected underspend of £137,000.

Councillor Clocherty declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a member of the Board of Riverside Inverclyde. 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:

- (1) that the current projected underspend of £137,000 for 2011/12, as at 31 October 2011, be noted;
- (2) that the Committee note that although an underspend of £137,000 is projected, Building Services is reporting an overspend of £151,000, resulting in a net Committee overspend of £14,000; and
- (3) that approval be given to the revised Riverside Inverclyde spend profile and the

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revised allocation across the project areas as summarised in paragraph 9.3 of the report and as detailed in appendix 4.

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| 59 | Building Services Trading Account Revenue Budget 2011/12 - Period 7 | 59 |
| | <p>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 7 (31 October 2011) which showed an overspend of £151,000.</p> <p>Noted</p> | |
| 60 | Capital Programme 2011/12 to 2013/14 - Progress | 60 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment and the Chief Financial Officer on the position of the Capital Programme 2011/12 to 2013/14.</p> <p>Noted</p> | |
| 61 | Regeneration & Environment Directorate Performance Report | 61 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising the Committee of progress made by those services within the Regeneration & Environment Directorate which report to the Regeneration Committee in achieving their key objectives as set out in the Regeneration & Environment Directorate Plan 2011-2012 and how they have contributed to the achievement of key corporate priorities.</p> <p>Decided: that the Committee endorse the performance information contained in the report and note that further reports on performance will be submitted to future meetings of the Committee.</p> | |
| 62 | Regeneration Fund Programme 2011-2012 - Funding Update | 62 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) updating the Committee on the delivery of the contracts funded through the Regeneration Fund Programme 2011-2012 and (2) where considered appropriate, seeking authority to extend existing contracts for a further year. There was circulated revised appendix 2 providing updated information.</p> <p>Councillor MacLeod declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Director of Inverclyde Council on Disability. He also formed a 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.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to extend existing contracts by one year at a level which will not exceed existing contract values and subject to ongoing contract compliance;</p> <p>(2) that it be noted that, as previously agreed, the £112,646 currently unallocated will be offered as a saving for Inverclyde Council and offset against the savings required through the Commissioning Workstream; and</p> <p>(3) that delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to accept the European funds identified in paragraph 4.2 of the report on behalf of the Council.</p> | |

63 The Tall Ships Event, Greenock, July 2011 - Economic Impact Assessment 63

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment providing an overview of the findings of an independent economic impact assessment of the Tall Ships event in Inverclyde in July 2011 carried out by EKOS Limited, a copy of which was appended to the report.

Councillor Clocherty declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a member of the Board of Sail Inverclyde Limited. 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:

- (1) that the Committee note the content of the economic impact assessment; and
- (2) that the positive impacts of the Tall Ships event for both Inverclyde and for the wider Scottish economy be noted.

64 Cathcart Square Trial Closure and Future Pedestrianisation 64

It was noted that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda.

65 Support and Guidance for Community Councils 65

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities (1) updating the Committee on the range of support and guidance being developed for Community Councils and (2) seeking approval for proposed guidance on the use of the Council's grant to Community Councils.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the range of support and guidance being developed for Community Councils; and
- (2) that approval be given to the proposed guidance on the use of the Council's grant to Community Councils as detailed in annexe 1 to the report.

66 Strategic Leisure Sites: Review of Rankin Park Covered Football Provision 66

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising of the review of the proposed covered football provision at Rankin Park by Inverclyde Leisure which concluded that it is difficult to determine whether there is sufficient demand at this stage.

Councillors Ahlfeld, Dorrian and MacLeod declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Members of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure. 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 contents of the report and that a further report will be brought back for Members' consideration in due course; and
- (2) that approval be given to the development of the grass pitch and necessary related changing accommodation at Rankin Park.

67 Asset Management Plan - Update on Progress 67

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment

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on the current status of the Asset Management Plan in respect of office and depot rationalisation.

After discussion, Councillor Ahlfeld moved:-

- (1) that the Committee note the contents of the report;
- (2) that the Committee note the proposal for the Central Library Offices to be utilised by the Community Health and Care Partnership, grant approval for the project to proceed to tender and grant delegated authority to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to accept the lowest acceptable tender provided it is within the project budget of £3.6m;
- (3) that approval be given to the proposal to incorporate accommodation for the Building Services Unit in the Pottery Street Depot and for the project to proceed to tender in three phases as detailed in paragraph 5.2 of the report and that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to accept the lowest acceptable tender for each phase provided they are within the project budget; and
- (4) that it be noted the Pottery Street development now utilises the whole of the East Hamilton Street Depot and that approval be given to the removal of the anticipated receipt from the project budget and the transfer of the budget for the refurbishment of the Devol Depot to the Pottery Street Depot, giving a revised budget of £12.8m.

As an amendment to (2), Councillor Blair moved that the Committee note the proposal for the Central Library Offices to be utilised by the Community Health and Care Partnership and that prior to tendering there be submitted to the Committee (a) a report detailing the likely car parking impact of the proposals, (b) a report from the Community Health and Care Partnership Sub-Group on their facilities and (c) an indicative report on the long-term location of principal Council Offices.

On a vote, one Member voted for the amendment and six for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the contents of the report;
- (2) that the Committee note the proposal for the Central Library Offices to be utilised by the Community Health and Care Partnership, grant approval for the project to proceed to tender and grant delegated authority to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to accept the lowest acceptable tender provided it is within the project budget of £3.6m;
- (3) that approval be given to the proposal to incorporate accommodation for the Building Services Unit in the Pottery Street Depot and for the project to proceed to tender in three phases as detailed in paragraph 5.2 of the report and that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to accept the lowest acceptable tender for each phase provided they are within the project budget; and
- (4) that it be noted the Pottery Street development now utilises the whole of the East Hamilton Street Depot and that approval be given to the removal of the anticipated receipt from the project budget and the transfer of the budget for the refurbishment of the Devol Depot to the Pottery Street Depot, giving a revised budget of £12.8m.

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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68	Community Facility Projects - Gibshill, Inverkip and Clune Park	68
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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment updating the Committee on and seeking agreement to a number of issues relating to the community facility projects at Gibshill, Inverkip and Clune Park and the Committee agreed:-

- (1) that, with regard to Gibshill Community Centre, to accept the principle of collocating the new Community Centre alongside the Gibshill Children's Centre and approve the funding, development and leasing/management arrangements as outlined in paragraph 5.1 of the report subject to the submission and assessment of a revised Business Plan clarifying the estimated net running costs of the proposed facility;
- (2) that, with regard to Inverkip Community Centre, the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment be authorised to continue to negotiate with the relevant parties, submit a report on Inverkip Sports Pitch and appoint the design team consultants outlined in paragraph 5.2 of the report; and
- (3) that, with regard to Clune Park School, an award of £15,000 be allocated from the Area Renewal Fund to Inverclyde Community Development to undertake a detailed feasibility of Clune Park Primary School and that a further report clarifying capital and revenue implications be submitted to the Committee for consideration in due course, all as detailed in the appendix.

69	Lease of Premises - Church Street, Port Glasgow	69
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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking approval to grant a lease of premises in Church Street, Port Glasgow and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

70	Property Assets Management Report	70
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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. Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended in respect of premises at King Street, Port Glasgow, the former Kilmacollm Institute, ground to the rear of the Strone Maukinhill Tenants' Hall, ground at Sir Michael Street, Greenock and the lease of the Waterfront Cinema, all as detailed in the appendix.