

**POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 5 FEBRUARY 2013**

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**Policy & Resources Committee**

**Tuesday 5 February 2013 at 3 pm**

**Present:** Provost Moran, Councillors Brooks, Clocherty, Loughran, Campbell-Sturgess (for MacLeod), McCabe, McCormick, McIlwee, Nelson, Rebecchi and Wilson.

**Chair:** Councillor McCabe presided.

**In attendance:** Chief Executive, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Organisational Development, HR & Communications, Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Business/Democratic Services Manager, Finance Manager, Revenue Accountancy Manager, CHCP Finance Manager, Corporate Policy & Partnership Manager 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>79</b> | <b>Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest</b>  | <b>79</b> |
|           | An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor MacLeod, with Councillor Campbell-Sturgess substituting.   |           |
|           | No declarations of interest were intimated.   |           |
| <b>80</b> | <b>Policy &amp; Resources Capital Programme - 2012/13 - 14/15 - Progress</b>  | <b>80</b> |
|           | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources and the Chief Financial Officer (1) providing an update on the status of the projects forming the Policy & Resources Capital Programme 2012/13 - 14/15 and (2) highlighting the actual spend as at 30 November 2012.               |           |
|           | <b>Noted</b>  |           |
| <b>81</b> | <b>Capital Programme 2012/15</b>  | <b>81</b> |
|           | There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the latest position of the 2012/15 Capital Programme.<br>(Councillor Rebecchi entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).  |           |
|           | <b>Noted</b>  |           |
| <b>82</b> | <b>Policy &amp; Resources Committee 2012/13 Revenue Budget - Period 8</b>   | <b>82</b> |
|           | There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and the Chief Financial Officer on the 2012/13 projected out-turn for the Policy & Resources Committee as at Period 8 (30 November 2012). |           |
|           | <b>Decided:</b> that the Committee note the projected underspend of £862,000 for the Policy & Resources Committee Revenue Budget as at Period 8.  |           |



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(2) that it be recommended to The Inverclyde Council that it formally resolve to adopt the aforesaid revised Standing Orders relating to Contracts and Financial Regulations; and

(3) that quarterly reports on tender acceptances be submitted to the Committee by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services.

**87 2013/16 Budget Update**

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing an update on the latest position of the 2013/16 Budget in advance of the Council considering the 2013/16 Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and Common Good Budget on 14 February 2013.

**Decided:** that the Committee note the updated information provided in the report and factor it into the budget considerations for the Council meeting to be held on 14 February 2013.

**88 Consultation on the Budget**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the results of the consultation about the budget carried out with the Citizen's Panel, Community Councils and responses from an online questionnaire posted on the Council's website.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Committee note the content of the report;

(2) that the consultation feedback be used to inform the setting of the Council's 2013-16 budget; and

(3) that a report on developing the budget consultation process in future years be submitted to the Committee for consideration in due course.

**89 Repopulation Outcome Delivery Group Update**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on the progress made with regard to the Single Outcome Agreement Repopulation Outcome Delivery Group.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Committee note the progress of the Repopulation Outcome Delivery Group;

(2) that the Committee agree the development of a new action plan based on the actions outlined in the report which will be submitted to the Committee after the summer recess; and

(3) that it be remitted to The Inverclyde Council to consider the allocation of £1m from surplus reserves as part of the forthcoming budget process.

**90 Data Protection Policy**

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services seeking approval of a draft Data Protection Policy which revised and updated the current policy, a copy of which was appended to the report.

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**Decided:** that the Committee approve the Data Protection Policy.

**91 Welfare Reform Update 91**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer updating the Committee on the Council's state of readiness in respect of the welfare reform changes which begin to take effect from 2013.

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

**Decided:**

(1) that the Committee note the current position in respect of the Council's state of readiness for the impact of the Government's welfare reform agenda; and

(2) that the Committee approve the proposals including procurement of systems and funding for the appointment of staff to ensure that the Scottish Welfare Fund is operational by 1 April 2013.

**92 Remits from Committees 92**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources requesting the Committee to consider (1) a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 17 January 2013 relative to the Community Facilities Fund and (2) remits from the Education & Communities Committee of 22 January 2013 relative to (a) the School Estates Management Plan (SEMP) and (b) proposed new community facilities at Woodhall, Port Glasgow, Gibshill, Greenock, Broomhill (Wellington), Greenock and Inverkip.

**Decided:** that the Committee note the remits from the Environment & Regeneration Committee and the Education & Communities Committee and remit consideration of these items as part of the overall 2013/16 budget decisions to The Inverclyde Council on 14 February 2013.

**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 Paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.**

**93 Appendix 3 relative to Agenda Item 15 93**

There was submitted appendix 3 relative to agenda item 15 (Remits from Committees) on the estimated running costs and additional capital costs for proposed new community facilities at Woodhall, Port Glasgow, Gibshill, Greenock, Broomhill (Wellington), Greenock and Inverkip.

**Noted**

**94 Request for Approval to Enter into a Business Property Renovation Allowance Scheme 94**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer seeking approval to enter into a Business Property Renovation Allowance Scheme (BPRA) in respect of premises in Greenock and Port Glasgow and the Committee agreed to the recommendations contained in the report, all as detailed in the appendix.

