

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 16 DECEMBER 2014

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Tuesday 16 December 2014 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, Brooks (for MacLeod), McCabe, McCormick, McEleny, McIlwee, Nelson, McColgan (for Loughran), Shepherd (for Rebecchi) and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Property Services and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications).

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

785 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 785

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Loughran, with Councillor McColgan substituting, Councillor MacLeod, with Councillor Brooks substituting, and Councillor Rebecchi, with Councillor Shepherd substituting.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

Councillor Wilson left the meeting at this juncture.

786 Local Government Finance Settlement 2015/16 Update 786

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer advising the Committee of the detail of the Local Government Grants Settlement for 2015/16 and how this impacts upon Inverclyde Council.

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

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the update as contained in the report and that the figures announced in detail by the Scottish Government on 11 December 2014 are very much in line with the figures previously provided by Officers; and

(2) that the Committee note that a more detailed report on the Business Rates Incentivisation Scheme will be submitted to the Committee in due course.

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

787 Greenock Arts Guild Limited: The Beacon Arts Centre**787**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the current funding position affecting the Greenock Arts Guild Limited and the Beacon Arts Centre and its request for additional financial support from the Council and the Committee agreed to take action, all as detailed in the appendix.