

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 3 FEBRUARY 2015

Policy & Resources Committee

Tuesday 3 February 2015 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, McCabe, McCormick, McEleny, McIlwee, Nelson, Loughran, 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, Property Services Manager, Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Transitional Head of ICT, ICT Operations Manager, Head of Organisational Development, HR & Communications, Ms P Ramsay (Human Resources), Corporate Procurement Manager and Corporate Policy & Partnership Manager.

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

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| 81 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 81 |
| | An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor MacLeod. | |
| | Councillors Ahlfeld and Clocherty declared an interest in Agenda Item 16 (Ravenscraig Sports Barn Development – Funding Model: Remit from Education & Communities Committee). | |
| 82 | Policy & Resources Capital Programme – (2013/14 – 2015/16) – Progress Report | 82 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) providing an update on the status of the projects forming the Policy & Resources Capital Programme 2013/14 – 2015/16 and (2) highlighting the overall financial position. | |
| | Decided: that the current position of the 2014/16 Capital Programme and the progress of the specific projects detailed in appendix 1 be noted. | |
| 83 | 2014/16 Capital Programme | 83 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the latest position of the 2014/16 Capital Programme. | |
| | Decided: that the Committee note the current position of the 2014/16 Capital Programme and the previous decision that any surplus on the 2014/16 Capital Programme be considered as part of the February 2015 budget process. | |
| 84 | Policy & Resources Committee 2014/15 Revenue Budget – Period 8 to 30 November 2014 | 84 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, the Corporate Director Education, | |

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- 88 Corporate Services Performance Report 88**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on the achievement of key objectives by the Council's Corporate Services in the Education, Communities & Organisational Development Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2013/16 and the Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2013/16.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the progress made by Corporate Services in delivering improvement actions outlined in their respective Corporate Directorate Improvement Plans 2013/16 be noted; and
 - (2) that a fifth progress report be submitted to the meeting of the Committee on 19 May 2015.
- 89 2015/18 Budget Update 89**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing the Committee with the latest information in respect of the 2015/18 budget prior to the Council approving the budget on 19 February 2015.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the latest information supplied in respect of the Revenue, Capital and Common Good Budgets; and
 - (2) that it be noted the report to the Council meeting on 19 February 2015 will include detailed information on the most up-to-date proposals from the Members Budget Working Group.
- 90 Other Property Assets – Forward Years Investment Review 90**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services updating the Committee on the progress of the review of the forward years investment plan and the estimated costs in connection with the Other Property Assets category.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee agree the proposal to increase the core Property Services allocation from £1M per year to £2M per year to address the investment required in the Other Property Assets as outlined in the report; and
 - (2) that the Committee note that final decisions in respect of the 2015/18 Capital Programme, including the use of any surplus resources, will be taken at the Council meeting on 19 February 2015.
- 91 Infection Control Policy 91**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications seeking approval of a reviewed Infection Control Policy for the Council, a copy of which was appended to the report.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee approve the Infection Control Policy; and
 - (2) that the policy be supported by the active promotion of health and safety.

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92 Flooding Capital Spend Update – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 92

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources requesting the Committee to consider a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 15 January 2015 relative to additional flood alleviation capital works and revenue requirements.

Decided: that £950,000 for additional flood alleviation capital works and revenue requirements be considered by Members when allocating reserves as part of the 2015 budget process.

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:-

Item	Paragraph(s)
Former Tied Housing Employees	1 & 12
Wide Area Network Contract Options	6 & 8
Property Assets Management Report – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee	2, 6 & 9
Ravenscraig Sports Barn Development – Funding Model: Remit from Education & Communities Committee	6

93 Former Tied Housing Employees 93

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources and Communications (1) on the progress of the implementation of revised rent arrangements with occupiers of former tied housing and (2) outlining the potential next steps for consideration by the Committee and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

94 Wide Area Network Contract Options 94

There was submitted a report by the Transitional Head of ICT (1) on options for replacing the Council's Wide Area Network contract and (2) seeking approval to proceed with the option to pursue membership of the Scottish Wide Area Network.

Decided: that, subject to the budget process, the Committee:-

- (1) endorse the proposal to pursue membership of the Scottish Wide Area Network to replace the existing Wide Area Network contract with Virgin Media; and
- (2) agree that the increase in bandwidth to primary schools, with estimated additional costs of £20,000 for implementation and £15,000 per annum for circuit rentals, be progressed.

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95 Property Assets Management Report – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 95

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources requesting the Committee, as budget holders for the Common Good Fund, to consider a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 15 January 2015 relative to the proposal to remove existing structures at the former petrol filling station, Port Glasgow Road, Greenock.

Decided: that the Committee, as budget holders for the Common Good Fund, approve the expenditure for the demolition of existing structures at the former petrol filling station, Port Glasgow Road, Greenock.

96 Ravenscraig Sports Barn Development – Funding Model: Remit from Education & Communities Committee 96

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources requesting the Committee to consider a remit from the Education & Communities Committee of 20 January 2015 seeking final approval for the funding model for the redevelopment of Ravenscraig Sports Barn.

Councillors Ahlfeld and Clocherty declared a non-financial interest in this item as Members of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure. Both Members 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: that final approval be given to the funding model for the redevelopment of Ravenscraig Sports Barn as set out in the report to the Education & Communities Committee.