

COMMUNITY SAFETY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Community Safety & Environmental Services Committee held in the Council Chambers, Council Offices, Rosebery Place, Clydebank on Wednesday, 3 September 2003 at 11.00 a.m.

Present: Provost Alistair Macdonald and Councillors James Bollan, Geoffrey Calvert, Gail Casey, Jack Duffy, Linda McColl, Duncan McDonald and Connie O'Sullivan.

Attending: Tim Huntingford, Chief Executive; David McMillan, Director of Commercial & Technical Services; Dan Henderson, Director of Economic, Planning & Environmental Services; Ronald Dinnie, Head of Roads, Transport & Environmental Services; Russell Fleming, Resource Manager, Commercial & Technical Services; John McKerracher, Head of Leisure, Property, Catering & Cleaning Services; Rod McCreath, Head of Protective Services; Alasdair Gregor, Planning and Development Manager; Anne Ritchie, Head of Social Work Operations; Martin McKendrick, Team Leader, Social Work & Housing; and Craig Stewart, Administrative Assistant.

Apology: An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Craig McLaughlin.

APPOINTMENT OF CONVENER

658 With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of Council held on 25 June 2003 (page 55, paragraph 192 refers) concerning the membership of Committees and the appointment of Conveners thereto, the Committee considered the appointment of Convener of the Community Safety & Environmental Services Committee.

659 The Administrative Assistant requested nominations for the position of Convener and the Committee unanimously agreed that Councillor O'Sullivan be appointed. Accordingly, Councillor O'Sullivan assumed the Chair.

PROVISION OF A SKATEPARK

660 A report was submitted by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services requesting that consideration be given to the provision of a skatepark within West Dunbartonshire.

661 In relation to this item the Committee agreed to receive a deputation from the Vale of Leven Youth Forum and Support Workers. In this regard, the Committee heard a presentation from Jamie Gillies and Michael McNally, representatives of the Vale of Leven Youth Forum, in support of an outdoor skatepark facility. Thereafter, the Convener, Councillor O'Sullivan, thanked Messrs. Gillies and McNally for their informative presentation.

662 Having heard the Service Spokesperson, Councillor McDonald, the Committee agreed:-

- (a) that no action be taken in terms of constructing an outdoor skatepark facility at this time, but that the position would be reviewed in light of the usage of the Castlegreen Street, Dumbarton facility; and
- (b) that, in the meantime, a letter of support be sent to the Social Inclusion Partnership and Communities Scotland seeking funding for the provision of an outdoor skatepark facility in the Vale of Leven.

663 Councillor Bolla requested that his dissent be recorded in respect of the decision.

FAIRGROUND AT DUMBARTON COMMON – MAY 2003

664 A report was submitted by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services providing information on the background to the Dumbarton Common Fairground and details of problems experienced at this year's event.

665 After discussion, the Committee agreed:-

- (a) that the contents of the report be noted;
- (b) that authority be delegated to the Director of Commercial and Technical Services, in liaison with the Director of Corporate Services, to terminate the Licence agreement with immediate effect; and
- (c) that the Director of Commercial and Technical Services be requested to investigate alternative options for the provision of an event aimed at younger children.

WESTRANS – SUPPLEMENTARY MINUTE OF AGREEMENT

666 A report was submitted by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services:-

- (a) seeking instructions on the establishment of a core team for WESTRANS, a Joint Committee of which this Council is a member, and related amendments to the existing Agreement establishing WESTRANS; and
- (b) seeking instructions as to whether WESTRANS should be expanded to include membership of Dumfries and Galloway Council.

667 It was agreed:-

- (1) that authority be given for the establishment of a core team; the terms and conditions of which shall be as set out in the report to Members of WESTRANS on 17 March 2003 or as otherwise determined by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services of this Council acting in consultation with the Director of Corporate Services;
- (2) that the Council meet the balance of funding required for the core team on a pro-rata basis with the other members of WESTRANS as determined by the population of each constituent authority;
- (3) that a Supplementary Minute of Agreement be entered into regarding the funding of the core team and such other related or ancillary matters. In this connection, the Committee agreed to enter into a Supplementary Minute of Agreement regarding the addition of this Council and such other related or ancillary matters, the terms of such Supplementary Minute of Agreement to be as determined by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services of this Council acting in consultation with the Director of Corporate Services; and
- (4) that this Council agree to Dumfries and Galloway Council becoming members of WESTRANS.

ADOPTION OF FOOTWAYS ADJACENT TO ADOPTED ROADS

668 A report was submitted by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services requesting that consideration be given to the adoption of footways adjacent to adopted roads with adopted street lighting.

669 Having heard Councillor McDonald, Service Spokesperson for Commercial and Technical Services, and following discussion, the Committee agreed that the unadopted footways adjacent to roads detailed in the Appendix to the report be upgraded as part of the road maintenance revenue programme.

PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2003

- 670 A report was submitted by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services providing the Committee with information and indicative costs relative to future development of West Dunbartonshire Council's play areas as contained within the Playground Development Plan 2003.
- 671 The Committee agreed that the matter be continued to the next meeting of the Committee in order to enable further consideration to take place.
- 672 It was noted that the report contained typographical errors and that references to "SNP" as contained therein should read "SMP".

DUMBARTON & ALEXANDRIA TOWN CENTRE PROJECTS 2003-2004 AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT FUND PROJECTS: AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

- 673 A report was submitted by the Director of Economic, Planning & Environmental Services:-
- (a) seeking homologation of the awarding of a works contract for Phase Two of the Dumbarton Town Centre Public Realm and Car Park Design Project, during Council recess; and
 - (b) seeking approval to accept the most economically advantageous tenders received, for all contracts with estimated values over £60,000, in relation to Dumbarton and Alexandria town centre projects and Public Transport Fund projects.
- 674 Having heard Councillor Duffy, Service Spokesperson for Economic, Planning and Environmental Services, the Committee agreed:-
- (1) that the decision taken by the Director on 11 July 2003 to appoint Landscapes and Contracts Ltd., as the works contractor for Phase Two of the Dumbarton Public Realm and Car Park Design Project be homologated;
 - (2) that authority be delegated to the Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services, in consultation with the Service Spokesperson of Economic Development and Protective Services and the Directors of Commercial and Technical Services and Corporate Services, to appoint the contractors for the projects as detailed in the report; and

- (3) to note that the Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services would submit a report to a future meeting of the Committee confirming those contracts which had been awarded for the projects detailed in the report.

**HOUSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2001, PART 6
CHANGES IN THE PROVISIONS FOR PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING
IMPROVEMENT & REPAIR GRANTS**

675 A report was submitted by the Director of Economic, Planning & Environmental Services informing of significant changes being introduced to private sector improvement and repair grants as a consequence of implementation of Part 6 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001, from 1 October 2003.

676 After hearing the Planning and Development Manager in elaboration and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (a) that the contents of the report be noted;
- (b) to note that further reports would be submitted to the Committee, as necessary, concerning decisions on future funding and in respect of any matters on which policy decisions were required; and
- (c) that the changes outlined in the report be given appropriate publicity.

IMPROVEMENTS TO NON-OPERATIONAL COUNCIL PROPERTY

677 A report was submitted by the Director of Economic, Planning & Environmental Services seeking agreement to action taken in respect of improvements to non-operational Council property.

678 The Committee agreed:-

- (a) that the decision which had been taken to invest £65,000 in improvements to property at 87-89 Bank Street, Alexandria, as outlined in the report, be homologated; and
- (b) to approve the necessary improvements to properties at blocks 2 and 3 Duncryne Road, Lomond Industrial Estate, Alexandria at a cost of approximately £35,000.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES BUSINESS PLAN

679 A report was submitted by the Director of Economic, Planning & Environmental Services providing information on the outcome of actions to meet the business plan objectives set for 2002/03 and seeking approval for the objectives set in the business plan for 2003/04.

680 It was agreed:-

- (a) to note the review of the Protective Services Business Plan for 2002/03; and
- (b) to approve the Protective Services Business Plan for 2003/04.

FOOD SERVICE PLAN 2003/2004

681 A report was submitted by the Director of Economic, Planning & Environmental Services seeking approval of the Food Service Plan 2003/04.

682 It was agreed that the Food Service Plan 2003/04 be approved.

THE TSE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2002

683 A report was submitted by the Director of Economic, Planning & Environmental Services advising of the exercise of delegated powers to appoint officers to undertake enforcement of the TSE (Scotland) Regulations 2002.

684 It was agreed to note the decision taken by the Director to appoint officers in order to enable the provisions of the TSE (Scotland) Regulations 2002 to be enforced.

AIR QUALITY

685 A report was submitted by the Director of Economic, Planning & Environmental Services advising of the completion of the Air Quality Updating and Screening Assessment 2003.

686 It was agreed that the report be noted.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICE THE VIEWS OF BUSINESSES

687 A report was submitted by the Director of Economic, Planning & Environmental Services advising of the results of a survey of businesses undertaken in relation to the work of the Environmental Health Section.

688 It was agreed that the survey results be noted.

REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHARTER

689 A report was submitted by the Director of Economic, Planning & Environmental Services advising of the findings of a review of the Council's Environmental Charter.

690 After discussion, it was agreed that a Sustainability Strategy and Action Plan be compiled to replace the Environmental Charter.

CONSUMER ADVICE AND EDUCATION POLICY

691 A report was submitted by the Director of Economic, Planning & Environmental Services seeking approval for a policy on consumer advice and education to be implemented by the Trading Standards service.

692 The Committee agreed that the Consumer Advice and Education Policy for the Trading Standards service be approved.

TRADING STANDARDS SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN

693 A report was submitted by the Director of Economic, Planning & Environmental Services seeking approval for the Service Delivery Plan produced by the Trading Standards Section in respect of 2003/2004.

694 The Committee agreed that the service delivery plan for the Trading Standards service for 2003/2004 be approved.

REDEVELOPMENT AT CASTLE STREET, DUMBARTON

695 A report was submitted by the Director of Economic, Planning & Environmental Services advising of progress in respect of redevelopment proposals at the former Allied Distillers site at Castle Street, Dumbarton.

696 Having heard the Head of Planning and Development in answer to Members' questions, it was agreed that the progress in respect of the proposed demolition and development of the former Allied Distillers site at Castle Street, Dumbarton be noted.

CONSULTATION PAPER – “PUTTING OUR COMMUNITIES FIRST”

697 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work & Housing Services advising of issues raised in the Scottish Executive's consultation paper “Putting Our Communities First” and seeking approval for submitting this paper as the Council's formal response in relation thereto.

698 Having heard the Chief Executive and the Head of Social Work Operations, the Committee agreed:-

- (a) to note that the draft response to the Scottish Executive consultation paper would be redrafted in order to incorporate concerns that had been raised by Members; and
- (b) that the revised response would be issued to Members of the Committee, for any additional comment, prior to the response being submitted to the Scottish Executive.

The meeting closed at 12.05 p.m.