

## **INFRASTRUCTURE, REGENERATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

At a Special Hybrid Meeting of the Infrastructure, Regeneration and Economic Development Committee held in the Civic Space, 16 Church Street, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 21 February 2024 at 4.00 p.m.

**Present:** Councillors David McBride, Jonathan McColl, Michelle McGinty, John Millar, Lawrence O'Neill, Lauren Oxley, Chris Pollock, Martin Rooney, Gordon Scanlan, Hazel Sorrell, Clare Steel and Sophie Traynor.

**Attending:** Gail Macfarlane, Chief Officer – Roads and Neighbourhood; Laurence Slavin, Chief Officer – Resources; Alan Douglas, Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration; Michelle Lynn, Assets Coordinator; Gillian McNamara, Economic Development Manager; Nicola Moorcroft and Lynn Straker Committee Officers.

**Also Attending:** John Dempster – Representative from Dumbarton United/ Dumbarton Riverside and Dumbarton Disability Football Clubs.

**Councillor David McBride in the Chair**

### **STATEMENT BY CHAIR – AUDIO STREAMING**

Councillor David McBride, Chair, advised that the meeting was being audio streamed and broadcast live to the internet and would be available for playback.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in any of the items of business on the agenda.

### **RECORDING OF VOTES**

The Committee agreed that all votes taken during the meeting be done by roll call vote to ensure an accurate record.

## **VARIATION IN ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Having heard the Chair, the Committee agreed to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

### **LEASE OF EAST END FOOTBALL PITCH, GLASGOW ROAD, DUMBARTON G82 1RH**

A report was submitted by Chief Officer – Resources seeking approval to transfer East End Football Pitch and associated Pavilion, Glasgow Road, Dumbarton G82 1RH to St Patrick's Former Pupils.

Chair invited John Demspter to address the Committee. Mr Dexter was heard and requested that the Committee delay any decision regarding the lease of East End football pitch, until all users had been consulted.

After discussion and having heard the Asset Co-ordinator in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve the lease of East End Football Pitch and associated Pavilion for a period of ten years to St Patrick's Former Pupils;
- (2) that there is an engagement exercise with the current users and St. Patrick's Former Pupils, facilitated by Officers, to understand all concerns and reach an agreement, going forward, on future usage, including face to face meetings with all three parties. If agreement is reached between them, Officers should proceed to conclude in consultation with the Convener. If agreement is not reached, no lease will be signed.
- (3) to authorise the Chief Officer – Resources, to conclude negotiations; and
- (4) to authorise the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration to conclude the transaction on such conditions as considered appropriate.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting for a short recess. The meeting reconvened at 16.43 p.m. with the Elected Members listed in the sederunt present.

### **LOCAL HEAT AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY STRATEGY (LHEES) CONSULTATIVE DRAFT**

A report was submitted by Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration, seeking approval for a draft Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES) 2024-2029.

After discussion and having heard the Economic Development Manager in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:

- (1) to approve the draft Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy 2024-2029 and delegate authority to the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration to deliver against this plan;
- (2) to authorise commencement of public consultation of draft LHEES, following approval; and
- (3) to authorise development of Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Delivery Plan (LHEEDP) in line with the draft LHEES.

### **NET ZERO COOPERATION AGREEMENT**

A report was submitted by Chief Officer – Roads and Neighbourhood, seeking permission to enter a Net Zero Cooperation Agreement developed between West Dunbartonshire Council and Glasgow City Council. The Agreement proposes to share expertise, skills, resources and infrastructure to help deliver the Council's Climate Change Action Plans to deliver Net Zero ambitions.

After discussion and having heard the Chief Officer – Roads and Neighbourhood Services in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve the proposal to enter into the Net Zero Cooperation Agreement with Glasgow City Council;
- (2) to note that the agreement would be governed through the establishment of a Project Board;
- (3) to note that updates would be provided to committee within the Climate Change Action Plan annual monitoring report; and
- (4) to authorise the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration to enter the Net Zero Cooperation Agreement on such conditions as considered appropriate.

### **LEASE OF WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE ACTIVITY CENTRE 73 ARDOCH CRESCENT, BRUCEHILL, DUMBARTON G82 4EN**

A report was submitted by Chief Officer – Resources seeking approval of the lease of West Dunbartonshire Activity Centre to West Dunbartonshire Gymnastics Club.

The Chair advised that new information, regarding the above, had been provided to Council Officers.

The Committee agreed to that this matter be continued at a future meeting of the IRED Committee.

The meeting closed at 5.08 p.m.