

HOUSING, ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

At a Special Meeting of the Housing, Environment & Economic Development Committee held in Meeting Room 3, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on Tuesday, 29 June 2010 at 11.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Jim Bollan, Jim Finn, William Hendrie, Jim McElhill and Craig McLaughlin.

Attending: Elaine Melrose, Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development; Ronald Dinnie, Head of Land and Environment Services; Jim McAloon, Head of Housing and Regeneration Services; John McKerracher, Head of Property and Technical Services; Jim Pow, Manager of Finance, Housing, Environment and Economic Development Department; Alan Douglas, Manager of Legal Services and Craig Stewart, Committee Officer, Legal, Administrative and Regulatory Services.

Councillor William Hendrie in the Chair

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillors McElhill declared a non-financial interest in the item under the heading "Sale of Play Drome Site and New Leisure Centre at Queens Quay, Clydebank", being a Director of Clydebank Rebuilt.

SALE OF PLAY DROME SITE AND NEW LEISURE CENTRE AT QUEENS QUAY, CLYDEBANK

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development advising of the progress made in negotiations for the sale of the current Play Drome site in Clydebank and the acquisition of the site for the new leisure development at Queens Quay, Clydebank and seeking authority to proceed with the proposals to include conclusion of missives and the letting of necessary design and construction contracts.

After discussion and having heard the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) With regard to Schedule 1 of the report:-

- (a) that authority be delegated to the Head of Legal, Administrative and Regulatory Services, in consultation with the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development to conclude missives with Tesco Stores Limited on terms acceptable to them for the disposal of the current Play Drome site; and
 - (b) that the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development would write to HP Properties Limited and to PCP Limited advising of the Committee's decision but reinforcing the Council's commitment to ensuring the Clyde Shopping Centre's future as a vibrant retail hub and to offer to meet in early course to discuss how best to take that forward along with the proposed store development.
- (2) With regard to Schedule 2 of the report:-
- (a) that authority be delegated to the Head of Legal, Administrative and Regulatory Services, in consultation with the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development to conclude missives on terms acceptable to them for the Acquisition of the Queens Quay subjects and the Disposal of the John Knox Street Subjects;
 - (b) to expend the appropriate sums, always subject to budget availability and procurement requirements, on necessary design development and thereafter submission of planning applications;
 - (c) to agree the relocation of the environmental monitoring station at John Knox Street with costs being met in a manner acceptable to the Head of Finance and ICT;
 - (d) to note that the consultation process would inform the final design and, if necessary, a report would be brought to a future meeting of the Committee, should there be any material changes that may affect the affordability and deliverability of the new leisure centre;
 - (e) that authority be delegated to officers to proceed to tender for the works contract to build the new leisure facility; and
 - (f) to revert to the Tendering Committee any decision on contract award.

Councillor Bollan, having failed to obtain a seconder for a proposed amendment, asked that his dissent be recorded in respect of this item.

COMPETITIVENESS REVIEW

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development establishing the progress made by five service areas within the Department of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development to establish their competitiveness position and detailing proposed actions to progress this work in the coming year.

The Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the progress to date and the actions identified in the report (summarised in Appendix 3) to take forward activity to develop and evidence competitiveness in these five service areas; and
- (2) that further reports would be brought to the Committee on relevant issues during the next 12 months.

PERFORMANCE REPORT

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development providing details of the department's end of year progress in meeting corporate and departmental objectives set out in the Housing, Environmental and Economic Development Service Plan 2009-13.

After discussion and having heard the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development and the Head of Land and Environment Services in elaboration and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Bollan, having failed to obtain a seconder for a proposed amendment, asked that his dissent be recorded in respect of this item.

SERVICE PLAN 2010 – 2014

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development seeking approval of the Housing, Environmental and Economic Development Department's Service Plan 2010 – 2014 which was contained in Appendix 2 of the report.

After discussion and having heard the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development further explanation and the Manager of Legal Services in clarification of certain matters, the Committee agreed to approve the Housing, Environmental and Economic Development Service Plan 2010 – 2014.

Councillor Bollan, having failed to obtain a seconder for a proposed amendment, asked that his dissent be recorded in respect of this item.

The meeting closed at 11.45 a.m.