

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

At a Hybrid Meeting of the Infrastructure, Regeneration and Economic Development Committee held in the Civic Space, 16 Church Street, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 16 August 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

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

**Attending:** Angela Wilson, Chief Officer – Supply, Distribution and Property; Gail Macfarlane; Chief Officer – Roads and Neighbourhood; Laurence Slavin, Chief Officer – Resources; Alan Douglas, Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration; Craig Jardine, Corporate Asset Manager; Michelle Lynn, Assets Coordinator; Jenna McCrum, Waste Strategy Project Lead; Nicola Moorcroft and Ashley MacIntyre, Committee Officers.

**Apology:** An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor John Millar.

**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.

## **OPEN FORUM**

The Committee noted that no open forum questions had been submitted by members of the public.

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The Minutes of Meetings of the Infrastructure, Regeneration and Economic Development Committee held on 24 May 2023 (Ordinary) and 7 July 2023 (Special) were submitted and approved as correct records.

## **SALE OF SITE DUNTOCHER ROAD ADJACENT TO KILBOWIE ROAD ROUNDABOUT**

Submit report by Chief Officer – Supply, Distribution and Property seeking approval for the Council to enter into a contract for the disposal of the site at Duntocher Road, Clydebank to Langlee Ltd.

After discussion and having heard the Assets Coordinator in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve the disposal of the site to Langlee Ltd for a figure of £500,000 plus VAT;
- (2) to authorise the Chief Officer – Supply, Distribution and Property to conclude negotiations on such conditions as considered appropriate; and
- (3) to authorise the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration to conclude the transaction on such conditions as considered appropriate.

## **SALE OF UPPER FLOORS AT 102 MAIN STREET, ALEXANDRIA G83 0PB**

Submit report by Chief Officer – Supply, Distribution and Property seeking approval for the Council to enter into a contract for the disposal of property at 102 Main Street, Alexandria, G83 0PB to Sava Estates Ltd.

After discussion the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve the disposal of the site to Sava Estates Ltd (SC 383078) for a figure of £43,101 plus VAT;
- (2) to authorise the Chief Officer – Supply, Distribution and Property to conclude negotiations on such conditions as considered appropriate; and
- (3) to authorise the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration to conclude the transaction on such conditions as considered appropriate.

**SALE OF SITE AT LEVENSIDE ROAD, VALE OF LEVEN  
INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, DUMBARTON G82 3PE**

Submit report by Chief Officer – Supply, Distribution and Property seeking approval for the Council to enter into a contract for the disposal of the site at Levenside Road, Vale of Leven Industrial Estate, Dumbarton G82 3PE to Mr Tahir Rashid.

After discussion and having heard the Assets Coordinator in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve the disposal of the site the disposal of the site to Mr Tahir Rashid for a figure of £51,789 plus VAT;
- (2) to authorise the Chief Officer – Supply, Distribution and Property to conclude negotiations on such conditions as considered appropriate; and
- (3) to authorise the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration to conclude the transaction on such conditions as considered appropriate.

**SALE OF 1.08 HECTARES (2.66 ACRES) OF LAND AT AUCHENTOSHAN  
ESTATE, MOUNTBLOW ROAD, CLYDEBANK**

A report was submitted by Chief Officer – Supply, Distribution and Property seeking approval for the Council to enter into a contract for the disposal of 1.08 Hectares (2.66 acres) of land at Auchentoshan Estate, Mountblow Road, Clydebank to Brian Kilgour.

After discussion and having heard the Assets Coordinator in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve the disposal of the site to Brian Kilgour, at a price of £225,000 plus VAT;
- (2) to authorise the Chief Officer – Supply, Distribution and Property to conclude negotiations on such conditions as considered appropriate; and
- (3) to authorise the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration to conclude the transaction on such conditions as considered appropriate.

**SALE OF BLOCK 6 LOMOND INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, ALEXANDRIA G83 0TL  
TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED LAND**

A report was submitted by Chief Officer – Supply, Distribution and Property seeking approval for the Council to enter into a contract for the disposal of Block 6 Lomond Industrial Estate, Alexandria together with associated land to Torwood Estates Ltd.

After discussion and having heard the Assets Coordinator in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve the disposal of the property to Torwood Estates Ltd., a registered company registered under company number SC641254, for a figure of £170,000 plus VAT;
- (2) to authorise the Chief Officer – Supply, Distribution and Property to conclude negotiations on such conditions as considered appropriate; and
- (3) to authorise the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration to conclude the transaction on such conditions as considered appropriate.

### **SALE OF 283 m<sup>2</sup> (0.07 ACRES) OF LAND ADJACENT TO CRAIGIELEA ROAD, DUNTOCHER**

A report was submitted by Chief Officer – Supply, Distribution and Property seeking approval for the Council to enter into a contract for the disposal of Sale of 283 m<sup>2</sup> (0.07 acres) of land adjacent to Craigielea Road, Duntocher to BDW Trading Limited, trading as Barratt West Scotland.

After discussion and having heard the Assets Coordinator and Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration; in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to reject the recommendations in the report.

### **WASTE STRATEGY**

A report was submitted by Chief Officer – Roads and Neighbourhood, seeking approval on a new Waste Strategy, which provides an overarching route map on how the Council intends to achieve its regulatory and legislative targets over the next 5 years.

After discussion and having heard the Chief Officer – Roads and Neighbourhood and Waste Strategy Project Lead, in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, Councillor McBride moved:-

- (1) to approve the Waste Strategy and Action Plan attached in Appendix 2 of the report;
- (2) to note that the Waste Service would develop funding bids for submission to the Recycling Improvement Fund;
- (3) to note the options appraisal undertaken in partnership with Zero Waste Scotland to model a collection regime that improves recycling performance;
- (4) to note the progress made in relation to the development and delivery of a Recycling, Resource and Reuse Centre to support compliance with the Landfill Tax Ban; and
- (5) to note the progress on delivery of the actions set out in the Fit for the Future Waste Review.

Councillor McColl submitted an amendment, to Councillor McBride's motion.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting for a short recess. The meeting reconvened at 11.30 a.m. with the Elected Members listed in the sederunt present.

### **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 20(a)**

Having heard the Legal Officer, and on a roll call vote being taken, 5 Members voted for the suspension of Standing Order 20(a), namely Councillors McColl, Oxley, Pollock, Scanlan and Traynor and 6 Members voted against the suspension of Standing Order 20(a), namely, Councillors McBride, McGinty, O'Neill, Rooney, Sorrell and Steel. It was duly carried that Standing Order 20(a) not be suspended to allow consideration of Councillor McColl's amendment.

Councillor McColl submitted the following amendment, to Councillor McBride's motion:

Members remain unconvinced that there would be any significant increase in recycling by reducing the frequency of residual waste collection to a three-weekly cycle.

Committee is concerned that the impact of such a move on fly-tipping, general cleanliness and litter pollution in our residential areas due to overflowing household waste bins, would constitute not only a nuisance for our citizens, but a public health risk.

Committee believes that these risks outweigh any potential benefit.

In agreeing the recommendations, committee condemns the decision by the Labour Administration to move to three weekly landfill waste collections with no public consultation on that option, and urges the public to make their views on this known by lobbying their local Labour Councillors through appropriate channels.

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On a roll call vote being taken 5 Members voted for the amendment, namely Councillors McColl, Oxley, Pollock, Scanlan and Traynor and 6 Members voted for the motion namely, Councillors McBride, McGinty, O'Neill, Rooney, Sorrell and Steel. The motion was accordingly, declared carried.

## **CHILDREN'S HEALTH, CARE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACCOMMODATION IN ALEXANDRIA**

A report was submitted by Chief Officer – Supply, Distribution and Property providing an update on the agreed option for Children's Health, Care and Criminal Justice Services accommodation in Alexandria.

After discussion and having heard the Assets Coordinator in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the contents of the report; and
- (2) to approve the capital allocation for the capital plan detailed in paragraph 4.1. of the report.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE, REGENERATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT 2023/24 TO PERIOD 3 (30 JUNE 2023)**

A report was submitted by Chief Officer – Resources providing an update on the financial performance to 30 June 2023 of those services under the auspices of the Infrastructure, Regeneration and Economic Development Committee (IRED).

After discussion and having heard the Chief Officer – Resources and the Corporate Asset Manager in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note a typographical error at paragraph 4.7 of the report and that the figure shown should be £2.628m;
- (2) to note the contents of the report showing the revenue budget forecast to overspend against budget by £0.872m (6.15%) at the year-end taking into account that this is subject to change; and
- (3) to note the net projected annual position in relation to relevant capital projects was highlighting a projected variance of £0.079m (1.45%) due to re-profiling of £0.079m (37.63%).

## **VALEDICTORY ANGELA WILSON, CHIEF OFFICER – SUPPLY, DISTRIBUTION AND PROPERTY**

Councillor McBride advised that this was the last meeting of the IRED Committee that Angela Wilson, Chief Officer – Supply, Distribution and Property would be attending as she would be leaving Council service in September. On behalf of all Members of the Committee, he thanked Ms. Wilson for her outstanding service, work and commitment to making West Dunbartonshire a better place to live and wished her well for the future

In response, Ms. Wilson thanked everyone for their kind words and noted thanks to all current and past Members of the IRED Committee for their leadership and support.

The meeting closed at 12.24 p.m.