

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

At a Meeting of the Infrastructure, Regeneration and Economic Development Committee held by Zoom Video Conference on Wednesday, 18 November 2020 at 10.05 a.m.

**Present:** Councillors Gail Casey, Karen Conaghan, Ian Dickson, Diane Docherty, Caroline McAllister, Iain McLaren, Marie McNair, John Mooney, Lawrence O'Neill, Martin Rooney, David McBride\* and Jonathan McColl\*.

\* arrived later in the meeting.

**Attending:** Richard Cairns, Strategic Director – Regeneration, Environment & Growth; Jim McAloon, Strategic Lead - Regeneration; Gail MacFarlane, Strategic Lead – Roads and Neighbourhood; Michael McGuinness, Manager, Economic Development; Craig Jardine, Corporate Assets Manager; Michelle Lynn, Assets Coordinator; Sally Michael, Principal Solicitor; and Lynn Straker, Committee Officer.

**Apology:** An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Provost William Hendrie.

**Councillor Iain McLaren in the Chair**

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

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

### **VALEDICTORY – JIM MCALOON**

Councillor Iain McLaren, Chair, informed the Committee that this would be the last meeting of the Committee that Jim McAloon, Strategic Lead - Regeneration would be attending as he was retiring in December 2020. Councillor McLaren remarked that Jim had been an excellent Strategic Lead and had given him invaluable support in his roles of Convener and IRED Committee Member. Other Members were heard in similar terms and, commending his hard work, dedication and commitment to various large projects over the years the Committee wished him well in his retirement.

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of Meeting of the Infrastructure, Regeneration and Economic Development Committee held on 16 September 2020 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

## **OPEN FORUM**

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

## **REGENERATION DELIVERY PLAN 2020-2021**

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Regeneration providing information on the final position against the 2019/20 Delivery Plan and presenting the 2020/21 Delivery Plan.

After discussion and having heard the Strategic Lead – Regeneration, the Economic Development Manager and the Asset Coordinator in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the progress made on the delivery of the 2019/20 plan; and
- (2) to note the 2020/21 Delivery Plan.

## **ROADS AND NEIGHBOURHOOD DELIVERY PLAN 2020-2021**

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Shared Services Roads and Neighbourhood providing information on the final position against the 2019/20 Delivery Plan and presenting the 2020/21 Delivery Plan.

After discussion and having heard the Strategic Lead – Shared Services Roads and Neighbourhood in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

## **DISPOSAL OF LAND AT 25 SOUTH DOUGLAS STREET, CLYDEBANK, G81 1LP**

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Regeneration seeking approval to dispose of 0.736 ha land at 25 South Douglas Street, Clydebank to West Dunbartonshire Council's existing Head Tenant of the site.

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 0.736 ha land at 25 South Douglas Street, Clydebank for a consideration of a gross purchase price of £160,000 (One Hundred and Sixty Thousand Pounds);
- (2) to authorise the Strategic Lead – Regeneration to conclude negotiations; and
- (3) to authorise the Strategic Lead – Regulatory to conclude the transaction on such conditions as considered appropriate.

### **UPDATE ON ACTIVITY BY CLYDEBANK PROPERTY COMPANY LTD**

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Regeneration providing an annual update on the progress of activity in Clydebank Property Company Limited (CPC).

After discussion and having heard the Strategic Lead – Regeneration and the Assets Coordinator in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the progress being made in terms of the Council's investment in Clydebank Property Company Limited.

### **UPDATE ON MITCHELL WAY, ALEXANDRIA**

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Regeneration providing an update on Mitchell Way, Alexandria.

Following discussion, Councillor McAllister seconded by Councillor McColl moved:-

that a report will come back to the next IRED Committee before any agreement is signed detailing the up-to-date plans for the site. The report will also include feedback from the Vale of Leven Town Centre Forum for Members' consideration and that officers extend an invite for a representative from Lidl to attend the next IRED Committee and talk to Members about their updated plans. It is also requested that the Town Centre Forum be extended an invitation.

The Committee agreed the motion.

### **BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT TO SEPTEMBER 2020 (PERIOD 6)**

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Resources providing an update on the financial performance in Period 6 of those services under the auspices of the Infrastructure, Regeneration and Economic Development Committee.

After discussion the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the contents of the report showing the revenue budget forecast to overspend against budget by £0.197m (1.7%) at the year-end, of which £0.432m is COVID-19 related;
- (2) to note the net projected annual position in relation to relevant capital projects which was highlighting a projected variance of £16.399m (-35.55%) due to slippage of £16.630m (36.05%) and an overspend of £0.232m (0.5%); and
- (3) note the progress on efficiencies incorporated into budgets for 2020/21.

### **WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL FOOD GROWING WORKING GROUP**

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead - Shared Services Roads and Neighbourhood providing an update on the proposals for the make up and future operation of the Food Growing Working Group.

After discussion and having heard from the Strategic Lead – Shared Services Roads and Neighbourhood in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to the proposals set out in sections 4.1 – 4.6 of the report;
- (2) to nominate two Elected Members as members of the Working Group (one each from the Administration and Opposition); and
- (3) to note that Councillor Iain McLaren would be the Administration's nominee, and that the Opposition nomination will be filled in due course

The meeting closed at 12:45 p.m.