

INFRASTRUCTURE, REGENERATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Infrastructure, Regeneration and Economic Development Committee held in Committee Room 3, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 18 June 2014 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors William Hendrie, David McBride, Michelle McGinty*, Patrick McGlinchey, Marie McNair*, Ian Murray, Lawrence O'Neill, Tommy Rainey, Martin Rooney and Kath Ryall.

* Arrived later in the meeting.

Attending: Richard Cairns, Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration; Ronnie Dinnie, Head of Neighbourhood Services; Jim McAloon, Head of Regeneration and Economic Development; Peter Hessett, Head of Legal, Democratic and Regulatory Services; Jack McAulay, Manager of Roads and Transportation; John McKenna, Energy & Compliance Co-ordinator and Nuala Quinn-Ross, Committee Officer, Legal, Democratic and Regulatory Services.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Gail Casey and Gail Robertson.

Councillor Patrick McGlinchey in the Chair

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors William Hendrie, David McBride and Kath Ryall declared a non financial interest in the item under the heading 'Performance Report 2013-14', being members of the West Dunbartonshire Leisure Trust Board.

HOUSING, ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The draft Minutes of Meeting of the Housing, Environment and Economic Development Committee held on 7 May 2014 were submitted for information and noted.

Note:- Councillors Michelle McGinty and Marie McNair arrived during discussion of the above item of business.

QUEENS' QUAY, CLYDEBANK

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration providing an update on progress made towards the physical and economic regeneration of Queens' Quay, Clydebank.

The Chair, Councillor McGlinchey, invited Mr Duncan Graham, a representative from Clydeside Regeneration (CRL), to address the Committee. Mr Graham was heard in support of the proposals to regenerate Queens' Quay.

After discussion and having heard the Head of Regeneration and Economic Development in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the progress made towards the physical and economic regeneration of Queens' Quay, Clydebank;
- (2) in principle, to the proposed approach, as detailed within the report; and
- (3) that the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration should arrange a site visit to Queen's Quay for Elected Members.

PERFORMANCE REPORT 2013-14

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration providing details of the department's end of year progress in meeting corporate and departmental objectives.

After discussion and having heard officers in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

ENERGY STRATEGY ACTION PLAN ANNUAL REPORT – YEAR 1

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration providing an update of progress on the objectives included in the Energy Strategy Action Plan 2013 – 2014.

After discussion and having heard officers in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

PROGRESS REPORT AND UPDATING OF PROPERTY AND LAND ASSET DISPOSAL STRATEGY 2013 - 2018

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration providing an update on the progress made with the Property and Land Disposal Strategy 2013 – 2018, and seeking decisions in relation thereto.

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

- (1) to acknowledge the progress made in meeting the aims and objectives of the approved West Dunbartonshire Council Property and Land Asset Disposal Strategy 2013 – 2018, as detailed within Appendix 1 to the report;
- (2) to note the contents of the updated Surplus Assets list and Action Plan, as detailed within at Appendix 2 to the report;
- (3) to note the draft West Dunbartonshire Council Community Asset Transfer Policy 2014 - 2017, as detailed within Appendix 3 of the report and note that officers from Asset Management will complete the internal and external consultation process and that the Final Policy will be submitted to a future meeting for approval;
- (4) to note that an annual Members' Briefing on progress for the Property and Land Asset Disposal Strategy 2013 – 2018 will be issued to Members from 2015 - 2016;
- (5) that authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration to market, to lease or dispose of the surplus properties as detailed within Appendix 4 to the report;
- (6) that authority be granted to the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration to declare properties surplus to requirements subject to having consulted with the other Executive Directors, the Chief Executive and the Convenor of the Infrastructure, Regeneration and Economic Development Committee; and
- (7) that authority be delegated to the Head of Legal, Democratic and Regulatory Services to amend the Scheme of Delegation in accordance with (6) above and to conclude the transactions subject to such legal conditions that are considered appropriate.

COMMUNITY SPORTS FUND

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration seeking approval on how the Community Sports Fund of £1 million will be administered over the next 3 years.

After discussion and having heard the Head of Neighbourhood Services in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) the proposed structuring of the Community Sports Fund as detailed within Section 4 of the report;
- (2) that the information note and application form, as detailed within Appendix 1 and 2 of the report, be used; and
- (3) that the method of assessment for applications, detailed within Appendix 1 to the report, be implemented.

STREET LIGHTING ENERGY EFFICIENCY SCHEME

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration providing an update on the development and progress of the street lighting energy efficiency scheme.

After discussion and having heard the Head of Neighbourhood Services and the Manager of Roads and Transportation in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the acceleration of the scheme from 2015/16 - 2016/17 to 2014/15 – 2015/16;
- (2) that all goods, services and works required to deliver the street lighting energy efficiency scheme be procured; and
- (3) that authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration to award all contracts in relation to the project;
- (4) that an update be provided to a future meeting of the Committee as part of the reporting on Capital Programme Monitoring Framework; and
- (5) otherwise, to note the content of the report;

TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF FRESH FRUIT, VEGETABLES, POTATOES AND PREPARED PRODUCTS

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration seeking approval for a competitive tendering procedure for the supply and delivery of fruit, vegetables, potatoes and prepared products to be undertaken.

The Committee agreed:-

- (1) that a competitive tendering procedure be initiated for the supply and delivery of fruit, vegetables, potatoes and prepared produce; and
- (2) that authority be delegated to the Executive Director to award the contract to the most economically advantageous tenderer.

CONTAMINATED LAND STRATEGY (2014-2017)

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Corporate Services seeking approval of the revised Contaminated Land Strategy.

The Committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve the revised Contaminated Land Strategy, as detailed within Appendix 1 of the report;
- (2) that the revised Strategy be published and made available for viewing on the Council's website; and
- (3) that there is no requirement for a full Strategic Environmental Assessment report to be undertaken for the Contaminated Land Strategy.

ALEXANDRIA, MITCHELL WAY DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY – COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration seeking approval for the compulsory purchase of various interests in land from the Smollett Family Estate within and adjacent to the Mitchell Way Development site in Alexandria town centre.

After discussion and having heard the Head of Regeneration and Economic Development in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) the terms of the compulsory purchase of land within and adjacent to the Mitchell Way development site;
- (2) the resolution, in accordance with paragraph 40 of Scottish Government Circular 6, 2001, authorising the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) over the land identified within Appendix 1 of the report;
- (3) that authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration to conclude the acquisition of land as detailed within the report;
- (4) that existing funds from the Local Economic Development Budget within the General Services Capital Plan 2014/15 be allocated towards settlement of compensation, as detailed within Section 6 of the report; and

- (5) that authority be delegated to the Head of Legal, Democratic and Regulatory Services to make such minor amendments to such order as he deems appropriate to meet the intended acquisition of the land.

The meeting closed at 3.16 p.m.

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