

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, 16 September 2015 at 2.02 p.m.

Present: Councillors Gail Casey, William Hendrie, David McBride, Marie McNair, John Mooney, Ian Murray, Tommy Rainey, Gail Robertson, Martin Rooney and Kath Ryall.

Attending: Richard Cairns, Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration; Ronnie Dinnie, Head of Neighbourhood Services; Michael McGuinness, Economic Development Manager; Alan Williamson, Team Leader – Forward Planning; Sally Michael, Principal Solicitor and Nuala Quinn-Ross, Committee Officer, Legal, Democratic and Regulatory Services.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Michelle McGinty and Patrick McGlinchey.

Councillor David McBride in the Chair

CHAIR'S REMARKS¹

The Chair, Councillor McBride advised that Councillor McGlinchey and Jim McAloon, Head of Regeneration and Economic Development were not in attendance at this meeting, as they were at a Regeneration Conference in London.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Infrastructure, Regeneration and Economic Development Committee held on 17 June 2015 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

¹ As corrected by the Infrastructure, Regeneration and Economic Development Committee at its meeting of 25 November 2015

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2015-20

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration seeking approval of the Economic Development Strategy 2015-2020.

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

- (1) to approve the Economic Development Strategy 2015-2020, as detailed within the Appendix to the report; and
- (2) that authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration to implement the Economic Development Strategy 2015-2020.

CHARRETTE FOR DUMBARTON ROCK AND CASTLE

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration advising of the outcome of the Scottish Government funded Charrette for Dumbarton Rock and Castle held in February 2015 and seeking approval of the resultant action plan.

After discussion and having heard the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration, the Economic Development Manager and the Team Leader – Forward Planning in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve the implementation of the action plan detailed within the Appendix to the report;
- (2) to reconvene the Dumbarton Town Centre Forum to allow community involvement in the action plan and that Councillor David McBride be appointed to Chair the Forum; and
- (3) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

CLYDEBANK TOWN CENTRE CHARRETTE

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration advising of the outcome of the Charrette for Clydebank Town Centre and seeking approval of the associated action plan.

After discussion and having heard the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration and the Team Leader – Forward Planning in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve the implementation of the action plan detailed within the Appendix to the report; and

- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

COMMUNITY CAPITAL FUND AND COMMUNITY SPORTS FACILITY FUND

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration providing information on the projects which have been delivered through the Community Capital Fund/Community Sports Facility Fund to date and highlighting proposals for future 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) to note the progress made on delivering community projects that had improved local community participation and activity;
- (2) that authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration in conjunction with the Corporate Procurement Unit to tender and award the contract for the projects, detailed within 4.3 of the report;
- (3) that authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration in conjunction with the Corporate Procurement Unit to retrospectively award tenders for projects detailed within 4.3 of the report, which had commenced;
- (4) that authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration to tender and award associated contracts for the investment proposals for Posties Park;
- (5) that authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration to tender and award associated contacts for the investment proposals for Clydebank community sports hub; and
- (6) that a report on proposals to develop the Faifley Knowes and Millburn Trust projects be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF VARIOUS PROPERTIES IN DUMBARTON AND JAMESTOWN

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration seeking approval for the proposed disposal of various properties, as detailed within the report.

The Committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve the disposal of the Marinecraft changing pavilion and gymnasium, Woodyard Road, Dumbarton to the adjacent proprietors for £100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Pounds) once the property has been vacated;
- (2) to approve the disposal of land at Meadowbank Street, Dumbarton (1,394 sqm/0.34 acres) to Mapeley STEPS Limited, a privately owned property company holding a contractual agreement with the adjoining owner, for the proposed purchase price of £60,000 (Sixty Thousand Pounds);
- (3) to approve the disposal of Unit 1, Levenbank Street, Jamestown Business Park, Jamestown to Vance Precision Limited for a consideration of £200,000 (Two Hundred Thousand Pounds), along with the adjacent Development Land for a consideration of £50,000 (Fifty Thousand Pounds);
- (4) to approve the disposal of Plot 4, Vale of Leven Industrial Estate, Dumbarton for a consideration of £40,000 (Forty Thousand Pounds) and Plot 5, Vale of Leven Industrial Estate for a consideration of £50,000 (Fifty Thousand Pounds) to Chivas Brothers Limited; and
- (5) that authority be delegated to the Head of Legal, Democratic and Regulatory Services to conclude the above transactions subject to such legal conditions that are considered appropriate.

HEATHER AVENUE, ALEXANDRIA – ACCESS AND SERVICING AGREEMENT

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration seeking approval to grant access and servicing rights to Mr James Whyte to enable residential development of the site at Heather Avenue, Alexandria for a consideration of £62,000 (Sixty Two Thousand Pounds).

The Committee agreed:-

- (1) that authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration to conclude negotiations with Mr James Whyte to grant access and servicing rights to enable residential development of the site at Heather Avenue, Alexandria for a consideration of £62,000 (Sixty Two Thousand Pounds); and
- (2) that authority be delegated to the Head of Legal, Democratic and Regulatory Services to conclude the transaction subject to such legal conditions that are considered appropriate.

ATTENDANCE MANAGEMENT: QUARTER 1 - 2015/16

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration advising of attendance within Housing, Environmental and Economic Development (HEED) and providing a summary of the quarter 1 absence statistics.

The Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the attendance results for Quarter 1 – 2015/16, namely a decrease of 158 FTE days lost (9.4%) compared to the same period last year; and
- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

**INFRASTRUCTURE, REGENERATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT 2015/16 TO PERIOD 4 (31 JULY 2015)**

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration providing an update on the financial performance to 31 July 2015 (Period 4) of those services under the auspices of the Infrastructure, Regeneration & Economic Development Committee.

The Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the contents of the report which showed the revenue budget forecast to underspend against budget by £0.061m (less than one-fifth of one per cent) at the year-end;
- (2) to note the net projected annual capital underspend of £3.575m (8.8%), of which £3.597m (8.9%) relates to project rephrasing and an in-year overspend of £0.022m (less than 1%); and
- (3) otherwise to note the progress on savings incorporated into budgets for 2015/16.

The meeting closed at 3.13 p.m.