

INFRASTRUCTURE, REGENERATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Infrastructure, Regeneration and Economic Development Committee held by video conference on Wednesday, 12 May 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Provost William Hendrie and Councillors Gail Casey, Karen Conaghan, Diane Docherty*, Caroline McAllister, Iain McLaren, John Mooney, Martin Rooney, David McBride and Jonathan McColl.

*Arrived later in the meeting

Attending: Peter Hessett, Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration; Angela Wilson, Chief Officer – Supply, Distribution and Property; Gail MacFarlane, Chief Officer – Roads and Neighbourhood; Richard Cairns, Strategic Advisor; Michael McGuinness, Economic Development Manager; Craig Jardine, Corporate Assets Manager; Michelle Lynn, Assets Coordinator; Derek McLean, Business Partner – Strategic Procurement; Martin Feeney, Building Services Manager; Jackie Allison, Business Partner – Resources; Alan Young, Housing Asset and Investment Manager; Sally Michael, Principal Solicitor and Lynn Straker, Committee Officer.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Marie McNair and Lawrence O'Neill.

Councillor Iain McLaren in the Chair

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Infrastructure, Regeneration and Economic Development Committee held on 10 February 2021 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.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DELIVERY PLAN 2020-2021 YEAR END PROGRESS AND 2021-2022 DELIVERY PLAN

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration presenting the year end progress report 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 Delivery Plan for Economic Development.

After discussion and having heard Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration, the Chief Officer – Supply, Distribution and Property, the Economic Development Manager and the Assets Coordinator in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the year-end position for 2020/21; and
- (2) to note the Plan for 2021/22.

Note: Councillor Docherty entered the meeting during consideration of this item.

SUPPLY, DISTRIBUTION AND PROPERTY 2021-2022 DELIVERY PLAN

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Supply, Distribution and Property presenting the year end progress report 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 Delivery Plan for Supply, Distribution and Property.

After discussion and having heard the Chief Officer – Supply, Distribution and Property, the Economic Development Manager, the Building Services Manager and the Housing Asset and Investment Manager in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note year-end progress of the 2020/21 Plan; and
- (2) to note the 2021/22 Delivery Plan.

ROADS AND NEIGHBOURHOOD DELIVERY PLAN 2020-2021 YEAR END PROGRESS AND DELIVERY PLAN 2021-2022

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Roads and Neighbourhood presenting the year end progress report 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 Delivery Plan for Roads and Neighbourhood.

After discussion and having heard the Chief Officer – Roads and Neighbourhood in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the year-end position for 2020/21; and
- (2) to note the Delivery Plan for 2021/22.

APPROVAL FOR SUBCONTRACTOR PROCUREMENTS FOR THE COUNCIL

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Supply, Distribution and Property seeking the approval for commencement of a programme of Subcontractor Procurements for the Council.

After discussion and having heard the Chief Officer – Supply, Distribution and Property, the Business Partner – Strategic Procurement and the Building Services Manager in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to authorise the programme of Subcontractor Procurements for the Council and to note that, on conclusion of the procurement exercise, a further report would be submitted to the Tendering Committee with recommendations on the award of the contracts.

SALE OF SITE AT KILBOWIE ROUNDABOUT, CLYDEBANK

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer - Supply, Distribution and Property recommending the sale of the site at Kilbowie Roundabout, Clydebank to Lidl Great Britain Limited.

After discussion and having heard the Assets Coordinator in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, Councillor Casey, seconded by Councillor Rooney, moved:-

That the Committee agrees to fully reject the proposals contained within the report.

As an amendment, Councillor McColl, seconded by Councillor Docherty, moved:-

That the Committee agrees:-

- (1) to agree the recommendations and proposals contained within the report in principle, namely:-
 - (a) to approve the sale of the property to Lidl Great Britain Limited for a figure of One Million Six Hundred Thousand Pounds (£1,600,000) gross with a minimum purchase price of One Million Pounds (£1,000,000);
 - (b) to authorise the Chief Officer – Supply, Distribution and Property to conclude negotiations; and
 - (c) to authorise the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration to complete the sale on such conditions as considered appropriate; and

- (2) that any potential developer make early contact with Planning as there are significant challenges around congestion and road safety at this site.

Councillor McAllister asked Councillor McColl if he would be willing to accept as an addendum to his amendment:-

The developer must also have wide ranging and meaningful consultation with the local community before any planning application is submitted.

Councillor McColl confirmed that he was willing to accept the addendum.

Councillor McLaren then Councillor McColl if he would be willing to accept as a second addendum to his amendment:-

West Dunbartonshire Planning will give full consideration into conducting an invertebrate study of the site and include findings of this, if undertaken, in the report to Planning Committee.

Councillor McColl confirmed that he was willing to accept this second addendum.

Councillor McAllister asked Councillor McColl if he would be willing to accept as a third addendum to his amendment:-

A report will be brought to a future Infrastructure, Regeneration and Economic Development Committee for final approval of the sale of the site after consultation with the local community by the developer has completed.

Councillor McColl confirmed that he was willing to accept this third addendum.

On a roll call vote being taken 6 Members voted for the amendment, as amended by the three addendums, namely Provost Hendrie and Councillors Conaghan, Docherty, McAllister, McColl and McLaren, and 4 Members voted for the motion, namely Councillors Casey, McBride, Mooney and Rooney. The amendment, as amended by the three addendums, was accordingly declared carried.

SALE OF SITE AT BOWIE ROAD, LOMOND INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, ALEXANDRIA

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Supply, Distribution and Property presenting a proposal for the sale of site at Bowie Road, Lomond Industrial Estate, Alexandria.

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

- (1) to approve the sale of the property to Loch Lomond Group, Lomond Estate, Alexandria G83 0TL for a figure of Sixty Thousand Pounds (£60,000) Sterling;

- (2) to authorise the Chief Officer – Supply, Distribution and Property to conclude negotiations; and
- (3) to authorise the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration to complete the sale on such conditions as considered appropriate.

SUB LEASE OF 2ND AND 3RD FLOORS, AURORA HOUSE, CLYDEBANK

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Supply, Distribution and Property recommending the sublease of 2nd and 3rd Floor, Aurora House, Clydebank to NHS24.

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

- (1) to approve the proposal for a sub lease of 2nd and 3rd Floors, Aurora House, Clydebank to NHS24;
- (2) to authorise the Chief Officer – Supply, Distribution and Property to conclude negotiations; and
- (3) to authorise the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration to complete the sale on such conditions as considered appropriate.

PROPERTY AND LAND DISPOSAL STRATEGY 2021-2026

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Supply, Distribution and Property providing an update on the revised Property and Land Disposal Strategy 2021-2026.

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

- (1) to note the terms of the report and to approve the priorities and objectives set out in the Property and Land Disposal Strategy 2021-2026; and
- (2) to note that an update paper on progress of the Strategy would be provided to the Committee in the first quarter of each future year.

UPDATE ON CLYDE REGIONAL SHOPPING CENTRE

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Supply, Distribution and Property providing an update on the activities of the Clyde Regional Shopping Centre.

After discussion and having heard the Assets Coordinator in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the terms of the report and to authorise the Chief Officer – Supply, Distribution and Property to negotiate terms of a possible purchase of the leasehold interest, subject to a final

report to be submitted at a future Infrastructure, Regeneration and Economic Development Committee.

The meeting closed at 5.15 p.m.

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