

COMMUNITY SAFETY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Community Safety & Environmental Services Committee held in the Council Chambers, Municipal Buildings, Station Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 5 November 2003 at 11.00 a.m.

Present: Provost Alistair Macdonald and Councillors Jim Bollan, Geoff Calvert, Gail Casey, Jack Duffy, Duncan McDonald and Connie O'Sullivan.

Attending: David McMillan, Director of Commercial & Technical Services; Ronald Dinnie, Head of Roads, Transport & Environmental Services; Irving Hodgson, Head of Planning and Development; John McKerracher, Head of Leisure, Property, Catering & Cleaning Services; Russell Fleming, Resource Manager, Commercial & Technical Services; Rod McCreath, Head of Protective Services; Alasdair Gregor, Planning and Development Manager; and Craig Stewart, Administrative Assistant.

Apology: An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Linda McColl.

Councillor Connie O'Sullivan in the Chair

VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

1083 After hearing the Convener, Councillor O'Sullivan, the Committee agreed to vary the Order of Business as hereinafter recorded.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT 1963 AND BREEDING OF DOGS ACTS 1973 AND 1991

1084 A report was submitted by the Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services concerning Model Licence Conditions and Guidance for licence holders in West Dunbartonshire.

1085 After discussion and having heard the Head of Protective Services in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (a) to approve the REHIS endorsed Model Standards and Conditions for Animal Boarding Establishments and Dog Breeding Establishments for new build premises or premises where a major reconstruction was being carried out; and

- (b) that licence holders be encouraged to upgrade facilities at appropriate times and during annual inspections.

URBAN REGENERATION COMPANIES – SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE CONSULTATION

- 1086 A report was submitted by the Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services providing information on a Scottish Executive Consultation Paper on Urban Regeneration Companies (URC) proposing answers to the questions posed by the Paper and making recommendations on the way forward from the perspective of the Council.
- 1087 After hearing the Head of Planning and Development in elaboration and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-
- (a) to approve a response to the Scottish Executive consultation on the basis of the answers to questions supplied in the Appendix to the report;
 - (b) to support the nomination of Clydebank Rebuilt Limited as a Pathfinder Urban Regeneration Company;
 - (c) that consideration be given to the appropriate arrangements for promoting and co-ordinating development within the Dumbarton, Alexandria and Vale of Leven area; and
 - (d) that authority be delegated to the Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services to submit comments to the Scottish Executive concerning Dumbarton and Alexandria.
- 1088 Councillor Bollan, having failed to obtain a seconder for a proposed motion, asked that his dissent be recorded.

DUMBARTON FOOTBALL CLUB

- 1089 A report was submitted by the Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services informing of proposals from Dumbarton Football Club for development of the Club in the widest context.
- 1090 After discussion and having heard the Convener, Councillor O'Sullivan, and the Head of Planning and Development in elaboration and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (a) that the Council would work in co-operation with Dumbarton Football Club and other identified partners on potential development proposals relating to Dumbarton Football Club and, to that end, would elicit as much information as possible prior to any decision being taken in respect of the proposals; and
- (b) that a further meeting be held with representatives of Dumbarton Football Club concerning the proposal to establish a community stadium company and that a report on that specific proposal be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

1091 Councillor Bollan, having failed to obtain a seconder for a proposed motion, asked that his dissent be recorded.

PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2003

1092 With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Community Safety and Environmental Services Committee held on 3 September 2003 (page 256, paragraph 671 refers), a report was resubmitted by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services providing the Committee with information and indicative costs relative to future development of West Dunbartonshire Council's play areas contained within the Playground Development Plan 2003.

1093 After discussion, it was agreed:-

- (a) that a report bringing forward options in terms of establishment of new play areas as well as existing ones would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee; and
- (b) that the Director of Commercial and Technical Services be authorised to pursue external funding relative to the provision and maintenance of the play areas.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1094 The Minutes of Meeting of the Committee held on 3 September 2003 were submitted and approved as a correct record subject to the undernoted correction:-

1095 With regard to the item "Provision of a Skatepark" (page 253, paragraph 662 refers) it was noted that the Council would be prepared to donate an appropriate area of land if funding was identified for an outdoor skatepark facility in the Vale of Leven.

**COMMERCIAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
FINANCIAL REPORT PERIOD 5**

- 1096 A report was submitted by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services providing an update on the financial performance of the Commercial and Technical Services Department's budgets to period 5 (31 August 2003).
- 1097 The Committee agreed to note the position with regard to the satisfactory financial performance of the Department.

**STRATHCLYDE JOINT POLICE BOARD – CLEANING OF POLICE
OFFICES – DRAFT SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT**

- 1098 A report was submitted by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services seeking delegated authority in consultation with the Director of Corporate Services, to negotiate the terms of a new Service Level Agreement between West Dunbartonshire Council and Strathclyde Joint Police Board for cleaning of police offices.
- 1099 The Committee agreed:-
- (a) that authority be delegated to the Director of Commercial and Technical Services, in consultation with the Director of Corporate Services, to negotiate the terms of a new Service Level Agreement between the Council and Strathclyde Police for the cleaning of police offices as soon as all consultations with relevant officers had been undertaken; and
 - (b) that the Director of Commercial and Technical Services be requested to submit a report to a future meeting of the Community Safety and Environmental Services Committee advising on the outcome of the negotiations.

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BILL

- 1100 A report was submitted by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services concerning a request for help from the Sustainable Energy Partnership to ensure that the Sustainable Energy Bill, which requires the Government to publish annual reports on the progress towards the achievement of specific energy targets, succeeds in being passed.
- 1101 After consideration, the Committee agreed to endorse the terms of a resolution, as suggested by the Sustainable Energy Partnership, which was appended to the report.

**ASSOCIATION FOR PUBLIC SERVICE EXCELLENCE (APSE) –
SERVICE AWARDS 2003**

- 1102 A report was submitted by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services advising of an Association for Public Service Excellence award achieved by the Leisure Services Section of Commercial and Technical Services. In this connection, it was noted that the successful submission was in the award category which required public services to demonstrate 'Employee Involvement in Best Value' and focused on the work of Leisure Services' management and staff in improving the quality of service provided to customers.
- 1103 The Committee agreed to note the contents of the report with satisfaction.

**PRO-AM GOLF TOURNAMENT, DALMUIR MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE –
JUNE 2003**

- 1104 A report was submitted by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services providing information on the outcome of the 2003 Pro-Am Golf Tournament and requesting that consideration be given to staging this tournament in 2004.
- 1105 Having heard Councillor McDonald, Service Spokesperson for Commercial & Technical Services, the Committee agreed:-
- (a) that the contents of the report be noted; and
 - (b) that appropriate arrangements be made to stage the Pro-Am Golf Tournament at Dalmuir Golf Course in 2004 and that the Director of Commercial and Technical Services be authorised to commence negotiations with the Scottish Professional Golf Association in this regard.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS 2003

- 1106 A report was submitted by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services:-
- (a) informing of the outcome of the 2003 Royal Scottish Pipe Band Championships; and
 - (b) requesting that authority be delegated to the Director and the Member/Officer working group to commence discussions and make suitable arrangements with the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association to stage the Scottish Pipe Band Championships in 2004.

1107 The Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the outcome of the 2003 Royal Scottish Pipe Band Championships on the basis outlined in the report;
- (2) to approve the staging of the 2004 Championships in May 2004 for the fee as agreed by the Director of Corporate Services;
- (3) to approve the expenditure necessary to stage the 2004 Championships, such expenditure to be in line with the costs of staging the 2003 event; and
- (4) that authority be delegated to the Director of Commercial and Technical and the Member/Officer working group to commence planning and arrangements with the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association for staging the Scottish Pipe Band Championships in May 2004.

PROVISION OF GRASS FOOTBALL PITCHES

1108 A report was submitted by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services advising the Committee of current service provision with respect to grass football pitches and identifying possible service enhancements.

1109 Having heard Councillor McDonald, Service Spokesperson for Commercial & Technical Services, the Committee agreed:-

- (a) to note that the Directors of Commercial and Technical Services and Education and Cultural Services would liaise with each other, in order to develop proposals for providing additional grass football pitches and improve the availability of facilities within Educational establishments whilst ensuring security issues are addressed;
- (b) that the Director of Commercial and Technical Services and the Director of Education and Cultural Services be authorised to review the charges levied, it being noted that the charges may require to be rationalised as Janitorial costs may be incurred through increasing lets;
- (c) that authority be delegated to the Director of Commercial and Technical Services, in consultation with Councillor McDonald, to determine the membership of a member/officer working group which would take relevant matters forward with regard to football pitch provision; and

- (d) to await the decision by SportsScotland concerning the provision of grant funding for grass football pitches, which was anticipated to be announced in December 2003.

1110 In relation to a point raised by Councillor Bollan, it was noted that the small red blaes pitch located at Leven Street, Alexandria had been inadvertently omitted from the report. In relation to a point raised by Councillor Calvert, it was noted that the Director of Commercial and Technical Services would, in his discussions with the Director of Education and Cultural Services, ensure that the 8 primary school pitches referred to in the report were suitable for immediate use and, if not, would report back on measures to bring them up to a suitable standard.

Provost Macdonald left the meeting at this point in the proceedings.

ROADS MAINTENANCE REVENUE PROGRAMME 2003/2004 – PROGRESS REPORT

1111 A report was submitted by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services providing an update on the progress made to date on the planned Roads Maintenance Revenue Programme for 2003/2004.

1112 The Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR 20MPH SPEED LIMITS AROUND SCHOOLS AND RELATED SAFETY CAPITAL PROJECTS

1113 A report was submitted by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services seeking approval to spend the additional funding received from the Scottish Executive for projects relating to the introduction of 20mph schemes around schools and related safety projects.

1114 After discussion and having heard the Director of Commercial & Technical Services in elaboration and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (a) that the contents of the report be noted; and
- (b) that the programme of works for 2003/2004 be approved as outlined in the report.

WINTER MAINTENANCE STRATEGY DOCUMENT – OCTOBER 2003

- 1115 A report was submitted by the Director of Commercial and Technical Services advising of the Council's statutory obligations under Section 34 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 and seeking approval of the Winter Maintenance Strategy Document – October 2003.
- 1116 After discussion, the Committee agreed:-
- (a) that the Winter Maintenance Strategy Document be approved;
 - (b) that authority be delegated to the Director of Commercial and Technical Services to provide assistance to Bear Scotland and Amey Highways, if requested, to keep the A82 Trunk Road open during severe weather; and
 - (c) that the contents of the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 12.23 p.m.