

INFRASTRUCTURE, REGENERATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Infrastructure, Regeneration and Economic Development Committee held in the Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank on Wednesday 14 September 2016 at 2.00 p.m.

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

*Note: Arrived later in the meeting.

Attending: Richard Cairns, Strategic Director – Regeneration, Environment and Growth; Ronnie Dinnie, Strategic Lead - Neighbourhood and Environment; Jim McAloon, Strategic Lead - Regeneration; Ian Bain, Greenspace Manager; Craig Jardine, Capital Investment Programme Manager; Michael McGuinness, Economic Development Manager; Frank Maguire, Waste Services Co-ordinator; Gillian Scholes, Business Support Co-ordinator; Raymond Walsh, Network Services Co-ordinator; Ricardo Rea, Policy, Planning and Performance Officer (Equalities); Sally Michael, Section Head – Contracts and Property and Nuala Quinn-Ross, Committee Officer.

Apologies: An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Hazel Sorrell.

Councillor Patrick McGlinchey in the Chair

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 15 June 2016 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

REGENERATION FUND

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Regeneration seeking approval to allocate funding from the Regeneration Fund to Area Regeneration priorities which emanate from the Council's Economic Regeneration Strategy and the local Charrette Action Plans.

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

- (1) to approve the notional allocation of the Regeneration Fund to deliver key projects as detailed within the report; and
- (2) to note the progress being made to develop projects which meet the key operating principles of the Regeneration Fund.

Note:- Councillor Rainey arrived during discussion on the above item of business.

COMMUNITY CAPITAL FUND, COMMUNITY SPORTS FACILITY FUND AND ENVIRONMENT FUND

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead - Environment and Neighbourhood:-

- (1) providing an update on the projects which have been delivered through the Community Capital Fund and the Community Sports Facility Fund to date;
- (2) highlighting proposals for future years including projects within the Environment Fund; and
- (3) requesting that authority be delegated to the Strategic Director to tender and award contracts for the schemes noted within the report in conjunction with the Corporate Procurement Unit (CPU) and in accordance with the Councils' Standing Orders and tendering procedures.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

At the request of the Chair, Councillor McGlinchey, the Committee agreed to suspend Standing Order 17(a) to allow Mr Lawrence O'Neill, Independent Director of Holm Park Community Football Academy Ltd, to address the Committee in relation to Holm Park.

Mr O'Neill was heard in further explanation of the plans for Holm Park and in support of the proposals.

After discussion and having heard the Strategic Lead - Environment & Neighbourhood in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the progress made in delivering community projects that have improved local community participation and activity;
- (2) that authority be delegated to the Strategic Director in conjunction with CPU to tender and award contracts for the projects, as detailed within paragraph 4.5 of the report, to the most economically advantageous tenderer;
- (3) that authority be delegated to the Strategic Director in conjunction with CPU to tender and award the projects, as detailed within paragraph 4.14 of the report, these being the Posties Park project and the Heritage Lottery Fund Levensgrove Park Regeneration Project;
- (4) the investment proposals for Holm Park, as detailed within paragraph 4.20 of the report, and that authority be delegated to the Strategic Director to tender and award associated contracts;
- (5) to approve the virement of £500k from the Millburn Trust Project to the Community Sports Facility Fund to meet demand from pending applications; and
- (6) that authority be delegated to the Strategic Director in conjunction with CPU to tender and award contracts for the projects detailed within paragraph 4.23 of the report to the most economically advantageous tenderer.

Note:- Councillor Rooney arrived during discussion on the above item of business.

CHARRETTES UPDATE

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Regeneration informing of progress in the implementation of Charrette Action Plans for Clydebank Town Centre, Dumbarton Rock and Castle, Balloch and Bowling Basin.

After discussion and having heard officers in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the progress with the Charrette Action Plans.

WEST OF SCOTLAND LOAN FUND APPLICATION – RMS LEISURE LTD

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Regeneration seeking approval of the West of Scotland Loan Fund application of £100,000 submitted by RMS Leisure Ltd as part of a funding package to assist with the start-up of a new trampoline park trading as 'Airzone' in Clydebank.

After discussion and having heard the Strategic Lead – Regeneration and the Business Support Co-ordinator in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to approve the West of Scotland Loan Fund application of £100,000 submitted by RMS Leisure Ltd as part of a funding

package to assist with the start-up of a new trampoline park trading as 'Airzone' in Clydebank.

HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CHARTER FOR SCOTLAND

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Environment and Neighbourhood providing information about the Household Waste Recycling Charter for Scotland (the Charter) and the associated Code of Practice (CoP).

After discussion and having heard the Strategic Lead – Neighbourhood and Environment and the Waste Services Co-ordinator in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve the adoption of the Charter; and
- (2) that officers, in partnership with Zero Waste Scotland, conduct an options appraisal for implementing the CoP associated with the Charter and the findings of this exercise would be reported to a future meeting of the Committee.

WORKING WELL TOGETHER – ATTENDANCE MANAGEMENT: QUARTER 1

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – People and Technology advising on attendance levels across the Council for quarter 1 (April - June 2016).

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

- (1) to note the contents of the report and the attendance results for Quarter 1 2016/17, namely a significant decrease of 1799 days lost (21.3%) compared to the same period last year; and
- (2) to note that a revised methodology for calculating absence had been adopted which was consistent with national guidance, to more accurately reflect the workforce demographics of the Council.

INFRASTRUCTURE, REGENERATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT 2016/17 TO PERIOD 4 (31 JULY 2016)

A report was submitted by the Strategic Director – Regeneration, Environment and Regeneration providing an update on the financial performance to 31 July 2016 (Period 4) of those services under the auspices of the Infrastructure, Regeneration & Economic Development Committee.

After discussion and having heard the Strategic Director in further explanation of the report, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the contents of the report which showed the revenue budget forecast to underspend against budget by £0.011m (0.04%) at the year-end;
- (2) to note the net projected annual capital underspend of £10.222m (16.1%), of which £10.363m (16.4%) related to projects;
- (3) to note the re-phasing and an in-year overspend of £0.141m (less than 1%); and
- (4) to note the progress on savings incorporated into budgets for 2016/17.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Committee passed the following resolution:-

“That under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to any particular applicant for, or recipient or former recipient of, any service provided by the authority as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973.

Thereafter Councillor McGlinchey with the agreement of the Committee called a 5 minute recess.

Note:- Councillors McNair and Rooney left at this point in the meeting.

At 3.50 p.m. the meeting reconvened with those Members in the sederunt present and relevant officers only.

APPEAL HEARING FOR PROVISION OF A DISABLED - BAY AT ROWAN DRIVE, PARKHALL, CLYDEBANK UNDER THE DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACES (SCOTLAND) ACT 2009

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Environment and Neighbourhood seeking approval to promote the West Dunbartonshire Council (Various Locations) (On-Street Disabled Parking Places and Revocation) Order 2015.

The Chair, Councillor McGlinchey welcomed the Applicant's representative and the Objector's representative to the meeting and explained the procedure which would be followed at the meeting.

The Network Services Co-ordinator was heard in further explanation of the report.

The Chair then invited the Objector's representative to address the Committee. Additional information provided by the Objector's representative was distributed to the Committee. The Objector's representative made the views of the Objectors known and was heard in answer to Members' questions. .

The Chair then invited the Applicant's representative to address the Committee. The Applicant's representative was heard in support of the application.

After discussion and having heard the Network Management Services Co-ordinator in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed for the above named Order to be made.

At 4.25 p.m. Councillor McGlinchey called an adjournment and requested that both parties leave the Chamber to allow Members' to consider the evidence before them.

At 4.42 p.m. both parties were invited to rejoin the meeting.

The Chair then advised both parties that the Committee had agreed to approve the request for the promotion of The West Dunbartonshire Council (Various Locations) (On-Street Disabled Parking Place and Revocation) Order 2015.

The Chair further advised that in granting provision of a disabled parking bay the Committee had considered all the evidence before them including the Equalities Impact Assessment. The Applicant had demonstrated a need for the parking space and having taken into account both legal and specialist advice, the Committee were of the view that how often the space is used is irrelevant and that the Applicant has the right to use the parking space at any time. All people require to respect that right of use and must keep the parking bay free to use by the Applicant at all times.

The meeting closed at 4.45 p.m.