

INFRASTRUCTURE, REGENERATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Infrastructure, Regeneration and Economic Development Committee held in the Council Chamber, Clydebank Town Hall, Clydebank on Wednesday, 13 February 2019 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Provost William Hendrie and Councillors Karen Conaghan, Diane Docherty, Caroline McAllister, David McBride, Iain McLaren, Marie McNair, John Mooney, Lawrence O'Neill and Martin Rooney.

Attending: Richard Cairns, Strategic Director – Regeneration, Environment and Growth; Jim McAloon, Strategic Lead – Regeneration; Peter Barry, Strategic Lead – Housing & Employability; Ian Bain, Greenspace Manager; Michael McGuinness, Economic Development Manager; Michelle Lynn, Assets Coordinator; Raymond Lynch, Solicitor, Section Head (Licensing); Sally Michael, Principal Solicitor and Nuala Borthwick, Committee Officer.

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

Councillor Iain McLaren in the Chair

STATEMENT BY CHAIR – AUDIO STREAMING

The Chair, Councillor Iain McLaren, advised that the meeting was being audio streamed and broadcast live to the internet and would be available for playback.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor O'Neill declared an interest in Item 8 – Infrastructure, Regeneration and Economic Development Budgetary Control Report 2018/19 to Period 9 (31 December 2018), being the Independent Chair of Holm Park Community Football Academy Ltd.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The following Minutes of Meetings were submitted and approved as correct records:-

- (1) Minutes of the Meeting of the Infrastructure, Regeneration and Economic Development Committee held on 21 November 2018; and
- (2) Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Infrastructure, Regeneration and Economic Development Committee held on 23 January 2019.

OPEN FORUM

The Committee noted that no open forum questions had been submitted by members of the public.

PURCHASE OF LAND TO FACILITATE AN EXTENSION TO VALE OF LEVEN CEMETERY

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Regeneration advising on the outcome of investigations and negotiations for the purchase of a field to the south of Overton Road, Alexandria to allow the future expansion of the Vale of Leven cemetery.

After discussion and having heard the Greenspace Manager in further explanation and in answer to a Member's question, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve the purchase of the field to the south of Overton Road, Alexandria for a figure of £90,000 (Ninety Thousand Pounds);
- (2) to authorise the Strategic Lead - Regeneration to conclude negotiations; and
- (3) to authorise the Strategic Lead - Regulatory to conclude the transaction on such conditions as considered appropriate.

PROPOSED REVISALS TO THE MANAGEMENT RULES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Regulatory seeking approval of the proposed changes to the Management Rules for the Administration of Public Parks and Open Spaces.

After discussion and having heard the Section Head (Licensing) – Regulatory and the Greenspace Manager in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve, subject to any further amendments, the Management Rules for the Administration of Public Parks and Open Spaces, as detailed within the Appendix to this report; and

- (2) that the Greenspace Manager would issue a Briefing Note to all Members of the Committee providing information on the appointment of additional officers to tackle littering including the success rate in issuing and recovering fixed penalty fines for dog fouling and the cost to the Council in providing dog poo bags per annum.

INFRASTRUCTURE, REGENERATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT 2018/19 TO PERIOD 9 (31 DECEMBER 2018)

A joint report was submitted by the Strategic Leads – Environment & Neighbourhood and Regeneration providing an update on the financial performance to 31 December 2018 (Period 9) of those services under the auspices of the Infrastructure, Regeneration & Economic Development Committee (IRED).

After discussion and having heard the Strategic Director – Regeneration, Environment and Growth and officers in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the contents of this report showing the revenue budget forecast to underspend against budget by £0.033m (0.1%) at the year-end;
- (2) to note the net projected annual position in relation to relevant capital projects which is highlighting projected variance of £18.412m (29.4%) due to slippage of £18.110m (28.9%) and an underspend of £0.302m (0.5%); and
- (3) to note the progress on savings incorporated into budgets for 2018/19.

The meeting closed at 10.43 a.m.