

## **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, 25 November 2015 at 10.02 a.m.

**Present:** Councillors Gail Casey, William Hendrie, David McBride, Patrick McGlinchey, John Mooney, Ian Murray, Tommy Rainey, , Martin Rooney and Hazel Sorrell.

**Attending:** Richard Cairns, Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration; Ronnie Dinnie, Head of Neighbourhood Services; Jim McAloon, Head of Regeneration and Economic Development; Michael McGuinness, Economic Development Manager; Janice Rainey, Business Unit Finance Partner (HEED); Stuart Gibson, Assets Co-ordinator; Joanne McDowell, Estates Surveyor; Pamela Clifford, Planning & Building Standards Manager; Alan Douglas, Manager of Legal Services and Nuala Quinn-Ross, Committee Officer, Legal, Democratic and Regulatory Services.

**Also attending:** John Anderson, General Manager of West Dunbartonshire Leisure Trust.

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Marie McNair, Gail Robertson and Kath Ryall.

**Councillor Patrick McGlinchey in the Chair**

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor McBride declared an interest in the item 'Annual Performance of West Dunbartonshire Leisure Trust for Year to 31 March 2015' being a member of the West Dunbartonshire Leisure Trust Board.

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of Meeting of the Infrastructure, Regeneration and Economic Development Committee held on 16 September 2015 were submitted and approved as a correct record subject to it being noted that the Chair, Councillor McBride, had advised that apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillor Patrick McGlinchey

and Jim McAloon, Head of Regeneration and Economic Development as they were attending a Regeneration Conference in London.

### **ANNUAL PERFORMANCE OF WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE LEISURE TRUST FOR YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2015**

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration providing an update on the annual performance of West Dunbartonshire Leisure Trust (the Trust) during the period 01 April 2014 to 31 March 2015.

After discussion and having heard the General Manager of West Dunbartonshire Leisure Trust, the Head of Neighbourhood Services and the Business Unit Finance Partner (HEED) in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) that a briefing note summarising the usage figures for Community Education Centres be provided to the members of the Committee; and
- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

### **UPDATE ON PROPERTY AND LAND ASSET DISPOSAL STRATEGY 2013-2018**

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration providing an update in respect of the Property and Land Disposal Strategy 2013-2018.

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

- (1) to acknowledge the priorities and progress made in meeting the priority objectives set out in The Property and Land Disposal Strategy 2013 – 2018; and
- (2) to note the progress made in the disposal of small plots and the need to appoint an external property agent to administer the disposal of some of the remaining plots.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY ACTION PLANS**

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration providing an update on the progress of the current 2013-16 Economic Strategy Action Plan and seeking approval for the new Economic Development Strategy 2015-20 Action Plan.

After discussion and having heard the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration, the Head of Regeneration and Economic Development and the

Manager of Legal Services in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the progress to date of the 2013-16 Economic Strategy Action Plan;
- (2) to approve the Economic Development Strategy Action Plan 2015-20; and
- (3) that authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration to deliver against this plan.

### **MID YEAR PERFORMANCE REPORT**

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration providing details of the department's mid year, April - September progress in meeting departmental objectives set out in the Housing, Environmental and Economic Development Strategic Plan 2015-16.

After discussion and having heard the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration and the Head of Neighbourhood Services in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

### **THE LEASING OF THE FORMER TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE AT MILTON, DUMBARTON**

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration seeking approval of the lease disposal for the Council owned land and building comprising the former Tourist Information Centre, Dumbarton Road, Milton, Dumbarton following a marketing exercise undertaken.

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

- (1) to approve the disposal terms agreed between officers of Asset Management and DK AMIT Limited described at 4.4 of the report;
- (2) that authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration and the Head of Legal, Democratic and Regulatory Services to conclude a lease with DK AMIT Limited subject to such legal conditions that are considered appropriate; and
- (3) to note that any application for a specific use will be considered by the Planning Committee and Licensing Board for the sale of alcohol.

## **SALE OF FORMER CHILDREN'S HOME – RAMSAY HOUSE, RISK STREET, CLYDEBANK**

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration seeking approval for the proposed disposal of Ramsay House, Risk Street, Clydebank to the preferred bidder.

The Committee agreed:-

- (1) to the sale of Ramsay House for a consideration of £305,000 (Three Hundred and Five Thousand Pounds) to the preferred bidder;
- (2) that authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration to conclude negotiations;
- (3) that authority be delegated to the Head of Legal, Democratic and Regulatory Services to conclude the transaction subject to such conditions as considered appropriate; and
- (4) to note that an application for a change of use would require to be considered by the Planning Committee.

## **ATTENDANCE MANAGEMENT: QUARTER 2 - 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 2 absence statistics.

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

- (1) to note the attendance results for the year, namely a decrease of 413 FTE days lost (10.3%) 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 6 (30 SEPTEMBER 2015)**

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Regeneration providing an update on the financial performance to 30 September 2015 (Period 6) of those services under the auspices of the Infrastructure, Regeneration & Economic Development Committee.

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

- (1) to note the contents of the report which showed the revenue budget forecast to overspend against budget by £0.240m (0.8%) at the year-end;
- (2) to note the net projected annual capital underspend of £6.374m (15.4%), of which £6.420m (15.5%) related to project rephasing and an in-year overspend of £0.046m (less than 1%); and
- (3) to note the progress on savings incorporated into budgets for 2015/16.

The meeting closed at 11.15 a.m.