

INFRASTRUCTURE, REGENERATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

At a Hybrid Meeting of the Infrastructure, Regeneration and Economic Development Committee held in the Civic Space, 16 Church Street, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 2 November 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors David McBride, Jonathan McColl, Michelle McGinty, John Millar*, Lawrence O'Neill, Lauren Oxley, Chris Pollock, Martin Rooney, Hazel Sorrell, Clare Steel and Sophie Traynor.

*Arrived later in the meeting

Attending: Angela Wilson, Chief Officer – Supply, Distribution and Property; Gail Macfarlane, Chief Officer – Shared Services Roads and Neighbourhood; Craig Jardine, Corporate Assets Manager; Michelle Lynn, Asset Coordinator; Jackie Nicol-Thomson, Business Partner – Resources; Gillian McNamara, Economic Development Manager; Alan Douglas, Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration and Nicola Moorcroft and Ashley MacIntyre, Committee Officers.

Apology: An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Gordon Scanlan.

Councillor David McBride in the Chair

STATEMENT BY CHAIR – AUDIO STREAMING

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in any of the items of business on the agenda.

RECORDING OF VOTES

The Committee agreed that all votes taken during the meeting be done by roll call vote to ensure an accurate record.

OPEN FORUM

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of Meetings of the Infrastructure, Regeneration and Economic Development Committee held on 17 August 2022 and 27 September 2022 (Special) were submitted and approved as correct records.

FLOOD PREVENTION LEVENHOWE AND THE RIVER LEVEN AND GRUGGIES BURN FLOOD PREVENTION SCHEMES

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Shared Services Roads and Neighbourhood providing an update on the progress of Levenhowe and the River Leven and Gruggies Burn flood prevention schemes and seeking approval to progress with recommended works.

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

- (1) to note the contents of this report; and
- (2) to agree the proposals as set out within the report to progress flood alleviation works within Levenhowe, River Leven and Gruggies Burn flood prevention schemes.

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

REGULATORY AND REGENERATION DELIVERY PLAN 2022/23 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS ELEMENTS

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration providing the Economic Development elements of the Regulatory and Regeneration Delivery Plan 2022/23

After discussion and having heard the Economic Development Manager in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the contents of the Plan.

ROADS AND NEIGHBOURHOOD DELIVERY PLAN 2022/23

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Shared Services Roads and Neighbourhood, providing the Roads and Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2022/23.

After discussion and having heard the Chief Officer – Shared Services Roads and Neighbourhood, in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the contents of the Plan.

SUPPLY, DISTRIBUTION AND PROPERTY DELIVERY PLAN 2022/23 - CORPORATE ASSET MANAGEMENT

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Supply, Distribution and Property, providing the Corporate Asset Management priorities within the Supply, Distribution and Property Delivery Plan 2022/23.

After discussion and having heard the Chief Officer – Supply, Distribution and Property in further explanation of the report, the Committee agreed to note the contents of the Plan.

INFRASTRUCTURE, REGENERATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT 2022/23 TO PERIOD 5 (31 AUGUST 2022)

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Resources, providing an update on the financial performance to 31 August 2022 of those services under the auspices of the Infrastructure, Regeneration and Economic Development Committee

After discussion, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the contents of the report which showed the revenue budget forecast to overspend against budget by £0.454m (3.53%) at the year-end, of which £0.030m was COVID-19 related and that therefore the non-covid variance was currently projected at £0.424m adverse, and
- (2) to note the net projected annual position in relation to relevant capital projects which was highlighting a projected variance of £14.567m (30.57%) due to slippage of £12.820m (26.91%) and an underspend of £1.747m (11.99%).

NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2022-2027

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration, providing an update on work undertaken during 2021/22 to deliver the previous West Dunbartonshire Economic Development Strategy 2015-2020 and seeking approval of a new Economic Development Strategy for the period 2022-2027

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

- (1) to note the work activity undertaken during 2021/22 to deliver the previous West Dunbartonshire Economic Development Strategy 2015- 2020; and

- (2) to approve the new Economic Development Strategy for the period 2022-2027.

SALE OF FORMER OIL STORAGE SITE, CARSON ROAD, BALLOCH

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Supply, Distribution and Property, seeking approval that the Council enter into a contract for the disposal of this site to Sava Estates Ltd.

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

- (1) to approve the disposal of the site to Sava Estates Ltd (SC 383078) for a figure of £25,666 (Twenty five thousand six hundred and sixty six pounds);
- (2) to authorise the Chief Officer - Supply, Property and Distribution to conclude negotiations; and
- (3) to authorise the Chief Officer - Regulatory and Regeneration to conclude the transaction on such conditions as considered appropriate.

The meeting closed at 11.16 a.m.