

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, 21 June 2017 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Provost William Hendrie and Councillors Gail Casey, Karen Conaghan, Diane Docherty, Caroline McAllister, David McBride, Jonathan McColl, Iain McLaren, Marie McNair, John Mooney and Martin Rooney.

Attending: Richard Cairns, Strategic Director – Regeneration, Environment and Growth; Ronald Dinnie, Strategic Lead – Environment and Neighbourhood; Jim McAloon, Strategic Lead – Regeneration; Craig Jardine, Capital Investment Programme Manager; Michael McGuinness, Economic Development Manager; Alan Young, Housing Asset and Investment Manager; Stuart Gibson, Assets Co-ordinator; Sally Michael, Principal Solicitor and Nuala Quinn-Ross, Committee Officer.

Councillor Iain McLaren in the Chair

MINUTE OF SILENCE

Having heard the Chair, Councillor McLaren, the Committee observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect for the victims of the recent tragic events in London and Manchester.

WELCOME

Councillor McLaren, Chair, welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Infrastructure, Regeneration and Economic Development Committee since the local government elections on 4 May 2017. Introductions were made by all those present.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

REGENERATION DELIVERY PLAN 2017/18

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Regeneration presenting the Regeneration 2017/18 Delivery Plan and noting the progress made on the actions in the 2016/17 Delivery Plan.

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

- (1) to approve the Regeneration Delivery Plan 2017-18 subject to the following amendment:-

Section 1. Overview and Profile – Challenges ahead

Add 'that a challenge ahead is the economic sustainability of Clydebank Shopping Centre.'; and

- (2) to note the progress made on delivery of the 2016/17 actions.

ENVIRONMENT & NEIGHBOURHOOD DELIVERY PLAN 2017/18

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Environment and Neighbourhood presenting the Environment & Neighbourhood 2017/18 Delivery Plan and noting the progress made on the actions in the 2016/17 Delivery Plan.

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

- (1) to approve the Environment & Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2017-18; and
- (2) to note the progress made on delivering the 2016/17 actions.

REGENERATION FUND UPDATE

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Regeneration advising on the progress to date with the development of projects from the Regeneration Fund.

After discussion and having heard relevant officers in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the progress to date with the development of projects from the Regeneration Fund.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor McNair declared an interest in the item 'Site of Former Dumbarton Cottage Hospital, Townend Road, Dumbarton', being the Chair of the West Dunbartonshire Health and Social Care Partnership Board and asked the Principal Solicitor for advice on whether she should leave the meeting when the Committee considered this item of business.

The Principal Solicitor advised that in her opinion Councillor McNair could remain in the meeting. Councillor Casey then declared an interest, being a substitute member of the West Dunbartonshire Health and Social Care Partnership Board. Both Councillors Casey and McNair advised that they would remain in the meeting during consideration of this item of business.

SITE OF FORMER DUMBARTON COTTAGE HOSPITAL, TOWNEND ROAD, DUMBARTON

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Regeneration seeking approval to support NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde in the disposal of the site of the former Dumbarton Cottage Hospital, Townend Road, Dumbarton.

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) that authority be delegated to the Strategic Director - Regeneration, Environment & Growth to support NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde in the disposal of the site of the former Dumbarton Cottage Hospital, Townend Road, Dumbarton on condition that the net revenue gain from the disposal be allocated to West Dunbartonshire Health and Social Care Partnership (WDHSCP) to support local community / health purposes; and
- (2) that authority be delegated to the Strategic Lead – Regulatory to formalise the agreement subject to such legal conditions that are considered appropriate.

WORKING WELL TOGETHER: MARCH 2017 RESULTS & ANNUAL RESULTS

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – People and Technology providing a summary of the absence statistics and associated management information for March 2017, and updating on actions being progressed through the Employee Wellbeing Group.

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 namely that in March 2017, an average of 1.10FTE days per employee were lost due to sickness absence, an increase of 14.5% compared to the same period last year (0.96 FTE days); and

- (2) to note that the annual results for 2016/17 showed an improvement in absence of 11.3%, from 11.81 in 2015/16 to 10.47 in 2016/17.

The meeting closed 3.49 p.m.