

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Community Safety and Environmental Services Committee held in the Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank on Wednesday 6 December 2006 at 12.08 p.m.

Present: Provost Alistair Macdonald and Councillors George Black, Jim Bollan, Gail Casey, Linda McColl, Marie McNair and Connie O'Sullivan.

Attending: Ronnie Dinnie, Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land & Environmental Services); Irving Hodgson, Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Housing & Regeneration Services); Nigel Ettles, Principal Solicitor; Lynda McLaughlin, Manager of Commercial Operations; Don Findlay, Manager of Technical Services; Alasdair Gregor, Planning and Development Manager; Kevin Neeson, Manager of Development Services; Angus Bodie, Manager of Roads; Willie Gibson, Section Head (Estates); and Craig Stewart, Administrative Officer.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Geoff Calvert and Duncan McDonald.

APPOINTMENT OF CONVENER

10820 In the absence of the Convener, Councillor McDonald, the Principal Solicitor invited the Committee to appoint a Chair for this meeting of the Committee.

10821 Councillor Bollan, seconded by Councillor Black, moved:-

10822 That the meeting be chaired by Councillor Black.

10823 As an amendment, Councillor Casey, seconded by Councillor McColl, moved:-

10824 That the meeting be chaired by Councillor O'Sullivan.

10825 On a vote being taken, 5 Members voted for the amendment and 2 voted for the motion. The amendment was accordingly declared carried and Councillor O'Sullivan assumed the Chair.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

10826 The Minutes of Meeting of the Committee held on 4 October 2006 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

FINANCIAL REPORT 2006/2007 TO 15 OCTOBER 2006 (PERIOD 6)

- 10827 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land & Environmental Services) providing an update on the financial performance of the Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services Department to 15 October 2006 (Period 6).
- 10828 After discussion and having heard the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land & Environmental Services) in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the financial performance of the Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services Department.

PERFORMANCE REPORT

- 10829 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration & Environmental Services (Housing & Regeneration Services) informing on the performance of areas within Regeneration and Land Services and providing information on:-
- (a) Statutory Performance Indicators for the second quarter of 2006/07; and
 - (b) the Department's programme of Best Value Reviews for Land and Regeneration Services.
- 10830 After discussion and having heard the relevant officers in elaboration and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

DUMBARTON SIGNAGE STRATEGY

- 10831 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land & Environmental Services) informing of the Dumbarton Signage Strategy, outlining its broad content and seeking approval for implementation.
- 10832 After discussion, the Committee agreed to approve the Dumbarton Signage Strategy as a Strategy for the implementation of new signage to be provided in Dumbarton.

DALMUIR PARK AND RIDE

- 10833 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land & Environmental Services) providing an update on progress to date on the development of a new Park and Ride facility adjacent to Dalmuir Station and seeking approval to proceed to tender for the construction phase.
- 10834 After discussion, the Committee agreed:-
- (1) to note the development of this scheme to reach the current advanced stage; and
 - (2) to approve the proposal to proceed to tender in December 2006.

JUNIOR ROAD SAFETY OFFICER SCHEME

- 10835 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land & Environmental Services) advising of the successful introduction of a Junior Road Safety Officer Scheme in West Dunbartonshire.
- 10836 After discussion, the Committee agreed:-
- (1) to endorse the roll-out of the Junior Road Safety Officer programme throughout all of West Dunbartonshire Council primary schools;
 - (2) to commend everyone involved in this very worthwhile road safety programme; and
 - (3) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

EAT SAFE AWARDS 2006

- 10837 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land & Environmental Services) informing of progress made in attaining Eat Safe Awards in schools during 2006.
- 10838 After hearing the Convener, Councillor O'Sullivan, the Committee agreed:-
- (1) to note the achievement and contribution made to food safety and food hygiene standards by the catering staff involved in achieving Eat Safe awards; and
 - (2) to congratulate everyone involved for their hard work and commitment in the achievement of this award.

**INSTITUTE OF SPORT AND RECREATION MANAGEMENT BEST
PRACTISE AWARD**

- 10839 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land & Environmental Services) advising of the Institute of Sport and Recreation Management (ISRM) Best Practise award achieved by Leisure Services for the Shining Stars Initiative which delivers a programme of sporting and leisure activities for children aged 5 –14 years with or affected by disabilities.
- 10840 The Committee agreed to note the success of the Leisure Services Section of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services in achieving a Best Practise Award 2006 from the Institute of Sport and Recreation Management.

**OPTIONS FOR FUTURE PROVISION OF THE LEISURE CATERING
SERVICES**

- 10841 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land & Environmental Services) outlining options available for re-instating catering services in the Meadow Sports Centre and the Play Drome Leisure Centre.
- 10842 After discussion and having heard the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land & Environmental Services) in answer to Members' questions and the Principal Solicitor in clarification of certain matters, Councillor O'Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McColl, moved:-
- 10843 That the Committee agrees:-
- (1) to the continued provision of Council hospitality catering by the Council's in-house catering service for council meetings and functions;
 - (2) to the introduction of a vending service on a profit share basis (Option 2 of the report) as the preferred option in delivering a catering service to the Meadow Centre and Play Drome; and
 - (3) that the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration & Environmental Services (Land & Environmental Services) be authorised to secure the most advantageous profit share agreement for the Council.
- 10844 As an amendment, Councillor Black, seconded by Councillor Bolland, moved:-
- 10845 That the report be continued pending a further report providing the Committee with comprehensive and detailed financial information in order to allow a decision to be taken.

- 10846 On a vote being taken, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 5 voted for the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.

KIDS UNITED INITIATIVE – COMBATING OBESITY AND INACTIVITY IN CHILDREN

- 10847 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land & Environmental Services) providing an update on the success of the Kids United Initiative which aims to combat obesity and inactivity in children.

- 10848 After discussion, Councillor O’Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McColl, moved:-

- 10849 That the Committee agrees to note the success of the initiative in achieving greater participation in physical activity by children in West Dunbartonshire at risk from health problems due to inactivity and/or obesity.

- 10850 As an amendment, Councillor Bollan, seconded by Councillor Black, moved:-

- 10851 That the Committee welcomes the report and agrees to write to the Scottish Executive seeking the introduction of free school meals for all schoolchildren, in an effort to combat obesity and help the NHS through an investment in children’s health.

- 10852 On a vote being taken, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 5 for the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.

PROVISION OF FREE SWIMMING FOR WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE SCHOOL CHILDREN DURING 2006 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERIODS

- 10853 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land & Environmental Services) providing an update on the success of the free swimming initiative for schoolchildren during the school holiday periods in 2006.

- 10854 After discussion and having heard the Manager of Commercial Operations in answer to Members’ questions, Councillor O’Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McColl, moved:-

- 10855 That the Committee agrees to note the success of the initiative in achieving greater participation in swimming by juveniles in West Dunbartonshire.

- 10856 As an amendment, Councillor Black, seconded by Councillor Bollan, moved:-
- 10857 That the Committee notes the success of the free swimming initiative and agrees to continue consideration of the report so that the cost of extending the initiative throughout the year can be provided.
- 10858 On a vote being taken, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 5 for the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL – LITTER CONTROL STRATEGY
UPDATE 2006**

- 10859 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land & Environmental Services) providing an update on the performance of the Grounds Maintenance Section in delivering the Council's Litter Control Strategy since the previous report presented to Committee on 2 November 2005.
- 10860 After discussion and having heard the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land & Environmental Services) in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the contents of the report which outlined the continuous improvements since the previous Litter Strategy Update of November 2005.

**AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER 0.22 ACRES OR THEREBY OF LAND AT
GLASGOW ROAD AND CART STREET, CLYDEBANK TO THE
ADJOINING OWNER**

- 10861 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Housing & Regeneration Services) recommending the transfer of 0.22 acres or thereby of land fronting Glasgow Road and Cart Street, Clydebank to Clydeside Regeneration Limited.
- 10862 It was noted that the area highlighted in the plan appended to the report was incorrect and that the actual area of land referred to was described in paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 of the report.
- 10863 After discussion and having heard the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Housing & Regeneration Services) in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-
- (1) that the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Housing & Regeneration Services) be authorised to transfer 0.22 acres or thereby of land at Glasgow Road and Cart Street, Clydebank to Clydeside Regeneration Ltd. on the terms and conditions stated in paragraph 3.2 of the report; and

- (2) that the Head of Legal and Administrative Services be authorised to conclude this transaction subject to such legal conditions as are considered appropriate and that this matter be referred to the Scottish Executive for its consent.

**AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE THE TENANT'S INTEREST IN THE
PROPERTY AT 12 POPLAR ROAD, BROADMEADOW INDUSTRIAL
ESTATE, DUMBARTON**

- 10864 A joint report was submitted by the Director of Education and Cultural Services and the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Housing & Regeneration Services) seeking authority to purchase the tenant's interest in the property at 12 Poplar Road, Broadmeadow Industrial Estate, Dumbarton.
- 10865 After hearing the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Housing & Regeneration Services) in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, Councillor O'Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McColl, moved:-
- 10866 That the Committee agrees:-
- (1) that the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Housing & Regeneration Services) be authorised to agree a purchase price with the Agent acting for Scottish Water for the tenant's interest in 12 Poplar Road, Broadmeadow Industrial Estate, Dumbarton; and
 - (2) that the Head of Legal and Administrative Services be authorised to conclude the early termination of the existing ground lease to Scottish Water and to conclude the purchase of Scottish Water's interest, subject to such legal conditions as are considered appropriate.
- 10867 As an amendment, Councillor Black, seconded by Councillor Bolland, moved:-
- 10868 That the Committee agrees to continue the report pending the preparation of a further more comprehensive report on this matter.
- 10869 On a vote being taken, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 5 for the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.

**PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF LAND, GRANT OF SERVITUDE AND
WAYLEAVE AT THE FORMER BONHILL QUARRY, HILLBANK STREET,
BONHILL**

10870 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Housing & Regeneration Services) seeking approval to an exchange of land, grant of servitude and wayleave between West Dunbartonshire Council and Mrs. Jane Carson, Mr. Colin Beattie and Tulloch Limited, owners of the former Bonhill Quarry, Bonhill.

10871 Having heard the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Housing & Regeneration Services) in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) that the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Housing & Regeneration Services) be authorised to conclude the transaction on the terms and conditions stated in paragraph 3.5 of the report; and
- (2) that the Head of Legal and Administrative Services be authorised to conclude this transaction subject to such legal conditions as are considered appropriate.

**NEW EMPLOYMENT APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING (N.E.A.T.):
ENGINEERING PROJECT**

10872 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Housing & Regeneration Services) providing an update on the progress of the N.E.A.T. Engineering Project which has provided access for 12 young people to gain an opportunity to commence training towards an engineering apprenticeship. It was noted that this programme is delivered in partnership with Colleges, Private Sector Training Companies, the Skillseekers and Economic Development Sections.

10873 After discussion, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note and commend the success of partnership working in this initiative, which has resulted in 12 young people from West Dunbartonshire commencing apprenticeship training in engineering over the past 2 years; and
- (2) that a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee exploring the possibility of extending this programme.

CONSTRUCTION APPRENTICESHIP PROJECT (CAP)

10874 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Housing & Regeneration Services) advising of the implementation and progress of a pilot Construction Apprenticeship Project which has assisted 20 young people in West Dunbartonshire to access the opportunity to commence a construction apprenticeship.

10875 After discussion, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note and commend the commencement of the Construction Apprenticeship Project and its success in establishing employment and training for 20 young people in West Dunbartonshire; and
- (2) that a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee exploring the possibility of extending this project.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY REVIEW UPDATE

10876 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Housing & Regeneration Services) advising on progress with general energy efficiency issues relating to Council buildings and on the projects and initiatives under development by the Corporate Energy Team (CET) and Home Energy Conservation Act (HECA) Officer.

10877 The Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

The meeting closed at 1.45 p.m.