

Minute of Meeting Environment Policy Board

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 27 January 2016	13:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

PRESENT

Councillors Bibby, Caldwell, E Devine, M Devine, Audrey Doig, Gilmour, Grady, Provost Hall and Councillors J MacLaren, K MacLaren, McGurk, I McMillan and Mylet.

CHAIR

Councillor E Devine, Convener, presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

S MacDougall, Director of Community Resources; S Allan, Head of Amenity Services, D Leask, Head of Facilities Management, O Reid, Head of Public Protection, D Farrell, Financial & Resource Services Manager, G Hannah, Consumer Protection Manager, D Kerr, Service Co-ordination Manager, K Carr, Site Services Manager and A Summers, Amenity Services Manager (StreetScene & Land Services) (all Community Resources); and D Forbes, Finance Manager, F Hughes, Asset Manager and R Devine, Senior Committee Services Officer (all Finance & Resources).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

1 REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

There was submitted a joint revenue budget monitoring report by the Directors of Finance & Resources and Community Resources for the period 1 April to 13 November 2015.

DECIDED:

(a) That the budget position be noted: and

(b) That it be noted that there had been net budget realignments of £78,585 processed since the last report related to the transfer of IT budgets to Finance & Resources and an adjustment to salary budgets for the impact of the living wage.

2 CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

There was submitted a capital budget monitoring report by the Director of Finance & Resources for the period 1 April to 13 November 2015.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

3 RESIDENTS' PARKING/PAY AND DISPLAY RESTRICTIONS - CROSEBAR ROAD ADJACENT TO ROYAL ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources relative to the management of parking between 52–74 Corsebar Road, Paisley.

The report proposed that a residents' parking scheme combined with pay and display parking be introduced between 52–74 Corsebar Road, Paisley with the aim of better managing parking at the location for the benefit of residents who did not have access to off-road parking. It was highlighted that residents at the location were adversely affected by commuter parking associated with the Royal Alexandra Hospital. Consultation had been undertaken with residents affected by the proposal through a residents group.

Councillor E Devine, seconded by Councillor Gilmour, moved that the Director of Community Resources be authorised to commence the statutory process to promote a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to enable a residents' parking scheme combined with pay and display parking to be introduced between numbers 52 and 74 on the west side of Corsebar Road, Paisley.

Councillor K MacLaren, seconded by Councillor Mylet, moved as an amendment that in addition residents parking will reflect all the same rules as parking zones 2 and 3 including the same conditions in regard to the number of resident parking permits per household. This would mean two permits per household.

On the roll being called the following members voted for the motion: Councillors Bibby, Caldwell, E Devine, M Devine, Gilmour, Grady, Provost Hall, and Councillors J MacLaren and I McMillan.

The following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Audrey Doig, K MacLaren, McGurk and Mylet.

4 members having voted for the amendment and 9 members having voted for the motion, the motion was accordingly declared carried.

DECIDED: That the Director of Community Resources be authorised to commence the statutory process to promote a Traffic Regulation Order to enable a residents' parking scheme combined with pay and display parking to be introduced between numbers 52 and 74 on the west side of Corsebar Road, Paisley.

4 FOOD STANDARDS SCOTLAND - AUDIT OF RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources relative to the audit, undertaken by Food Standards Scotland (FSS) between 22 and 24 September 2015, of the Council's food law enforcement service. A summary of the local arrangements and activities relating to food law enforcement was provided.

The audit report prepared by FSS had been received and detailed a very positive audit outcome with no recommendations raised and one area of good practice highlighted. A copy of the Core Audit of Local Authority Official Controls in relation to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 on the Hygiene of Foodstuffs in Food Business Establishments and the Application of the Food Hygiene Information Scheme was appended to the report.

DECIDED: That the report and positive audit outcome be noted.

5 OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

There was submitted an update report by the Director of Community Resources relative to the operational performance of the services and key projects delivered by Community Resources.

Reference was made within the report to specific operational activities undertaken in terms of (i) the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership; (ii) Regulatory Services; (iii) Amenity Services Waste; (iv) Amenity Services, StreetScene and Land Services; (v) Amenity Services, Roads & Transportation (Fleet and Infrastructure); and (vi) Facilities Management. A summary of targets and actual performance during the period 1 April to 13 November 2015 in respect of the key performance indicator and benchmarking targets for 2015/16 under each of the change themes was also provided, together with supporting information.

DECIDED: That the operational performance update contained within the report be noted.

6 DISPOSAL OF LAND AT SANDYFORD ROAD, PAISLEY

There was submitted a joint report by the Directors of Community Resources and Finance & Resources relative to the proposed declaration of an area of land at Sandyford Road, Paisley as surplus to the Council's requirements and detailing arrangements for its disposal.

DECIDED: That the area of land at Sandyford Road, Paisley, as indicated on the plan appended to the report, be declared surplus to requirements.

7 RENFREWSHIRE'S LOCAL AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT: 2015 UPDATING AND SCREENING ASSESSMENTS AND DETAILED ASSESSMENTS FOR JOHNSTONE, RENFREW AND MONTGOMERY ROAD, PAISLEY.

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources relative to the findings of the most recent 2015 Updating & Screening Assessment, and advising of the conclusions of the detailed assessments undertaken at High Street, Johnstone, Montgomery Road, Paisley and the Renfrew area.

The report intimated that following the introduction of the Environment Act 1995, all Scottish local authorities required to undertake a regular review and assessment of air quality within their area and submit their findings to the Scottish Government. The Council had completed annual reviews and assessments of local air quality across Renfrewshire since 1998. Where a review of air quality indicated that there was a risk of a limit value or objective being exceeded, local authorities were required to follow a clear process. The process was outlined within the report.

The report provided the findings of the 2015 Updating & Screening Assessment, which reviewed 2014 air quality data, as well as the conclusions of the detailed assessments undertaken at High Street, Johnstone, Montgomery Road, Paisley and the Renfrew area. The 2015 Updating & Screening Assessment had identified that there was a risk that nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) levels were being breached at West Walkinshaw, Paisley and Inchinnan Road, Renfrew and that a detailed assessment would require to be carried out for NO₂ at those locations.

The Detailed Assessment reports for High Street, Johnstone, Montgomery Road, Paisley and the Renfrew area had been undertaken as the 2014 Updating & Screening Assessment had identified that the annual mean NO₂ objective had been exceeded at these locations. The key conclusions of the detailed assessment reports were provided. The report stated that there were currently 693 air quality management areas declared in the UK, one of which was in Paisley town centre. Options included the expansion of the current Air Quality Management Area in Renfrewshire to include the above areas or the creation of a number of additional smaller air quality management areas. There were perceived benefits and disadvantages in both approaches and it was proposed that a detailed analysis of these be undertaken and a further report be submitted to a future meeting of this Board setting out options and recommendations.

DECIDED:

(a) That the outcome of the 2015 Updating & Screening Assessment on air quality throughout the Council area and the requirement to proceed to two further Detailed Assessments for the annual mean NO₂ objective at West Walkinshaw, Paisley and for the one hour NO₂ objective at Inchinnan Road, Renfrew be noted;

(b) That the outcome of the Johnstone High Street Detailed Assessment and the requirement to declare an Air Quality Management Area in the Johnstone High Street area be noted;

(c) That the outcome of the Renfrew Detailed Assessment and the requirement to declare an Air Quality Management Area at the M8 and Town Centre areas be noted;

(d) That the outcome of the Montgomery Road, Paisley Detailed Assessment and that there was no current requirement for further action in this area be noted; and

(e) That it be agreed that a further report be submitted to a future meeting of this Board setting out options and recommendations for the establishment of a wider or multiple Air Quality Management Areas within Renfrewshire and proposals for monitoring and reviewing performance on air quality that reflected the impact that the Council could have on addressing this issue.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Board resolved that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business as it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, that if members of the press and public were present, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 8 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

8 TRADING ORGANISATIONS: TRADING AND BUDGET MONITORING STATEMENTS

There were submitted reports by the Director of Community Resources relative to the vehicle maintenance, catering and roads trading organisations for the period 1 April to 13 November 2015 providing an update on financial and operational issues arising during the period.

DECIDED: That the reports be noted.