

Minute of Meeting

Infrastructure, Land and Environment Policy Board

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 26 January 2022	13:00	Microsoft Teams Meeting,

Present: Councillor Jennifer Marion Adam-McGregor, Councillor Stephen Burns, Councillor Jacqueline Cameron, Councillor Michelle Campbell, Councillor Eddie Devine, Councillor Karen Devine-Kennedy, Councillor Audrey Doig, Councillor Neill Graham, Councillor John Hood, Councillor Scott Kerr, Councillor James MacLaren, Councillor Cathy McEwan, Councillor Will Mylet, Councillor Iain Nicolson, Councillor Jim Sharkey

Chair

Councillor McEwan, Convener, presided.

In Attendance

G McNeil, Director of Environment & Infrastructure; A Morrison, Head of Economy and Development Services, G Crawford, Senior Communications Officer, S McMillan, Policy & Regeneration Manager, and A Johnstone, Principal Estates Surveyor (all Chief Executive's); O Reid, Head of Communities & Public Protection and C Dalrymple, Communities & Regulatory Manager (both Communities & Housing Services); G Hutton, Head of Operations & Infrastructure, K Anderson, Amenity Services Manager - Waste, G Hannah, Strategic Change Manager, S Heron, Facilities Manager (Soft Services), L Rennie, Operations Manager, D Kerr, Service Co-ordination Manager and K Gray, Streetscene Manager (all Environment & Infrastructure); and J Lynch, Head of Property Services, G Dickie, Partnering & Commissioning Manager, D Pole, End User Technician, R Devine, E Gray and P Shiach, all Senior Committee Services Officers, and D Cunningham, Assistant Democratic Services Officer (all Finance & Resources).

Recording of Meeting

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Convener intimated that this meeting of the Infrastructure, Land & Environment Policy Board would be broadcast live and would also be recorded and that the recording would be available to view on the Council's website.

Declarations of Interest

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

1 Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring as at 12 November 2021

There was submitted a joint Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring report by the Directors of Finance & Resources, Environment & Infrastructure and Communities & Housing Services as at 12 November 2021.

The report stated that the projected revenue outturn as at 31 March 2022 for all services reporting to this Policy Board was an overspend position of £3.426 million against the revised budget for the year, with £3.445 million of expenditure directly attributable to the Covid-19 pandemic response. The projected capital outturn as at 31 March 2022 for projects reporting to the Board was a break-even position against the revised budget for the year. Summaries were provided over the relevant services in the tables within the report, together with further analysis. It was noted that for financial year 2021/22 the projected out-turn position was split into core and Covid-19 related variances.

The report highlighted revenue budget adjustments totalling £26,000 since the last report which related to the part year transfer of two staff members from Finance & Resources to Environment & Infrastructure services. In addition it was noted that there had been capital budget adjustments of £4.096 million since the last report which had mainly arisen to reflect updated cash flows for various projects for revised delivery dates and timing of work.

DECIDED:

(a) That the projected Revenue outturn position, as detailed in table 1 of the report, acknowledging that the forecast position was based on best estimates at this point in time, be noted;

(b) That the projected Capital outturn position, as detailed in table 2 of the report, be noted; and

(c) That the budget adjustments, detailed in sections 4 and 6 of the report, be noted.

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Councillor Devine-Kennedy joined the meeting during consideration of the following item.

2 Operational Performance Report

There was submitted a joint report by the Directors of Environment & Infrastructure and Communities & Housing Services relative to operational performance.

The report provided updates since the previous Policy Board meeting in respect of key areas delivered by services within Environment & Infrastructure, which were within the remit of this Policy Board, including fleets, roads and transportation, parks investment, StreetScene, climate change, Team Up to Clean Up, and waste recycling services.

DECIDED: That the operational performance update detailed within the report be approved.

3 **Clyde Climate Forest**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Economy & Development relative to the Clyde Climate Forest initiative which had been developed as a part of a wider response to tackling climate change across the Glasgow City Region.

The report provided details on the initiative which was developed in early 2021 and aimed to support tree planting projects which contributed to a new urban 'forest' across the City Region and would help deliver a broad range of climate and ecological benefits. A summary of the delivery of the initiative in Renfrewshire to date was provided and authority was sought for officers to work with the Clyde Climate Forest team to identify potential sites which aligned with the selection criteria and to engage with ward members, residents, community groups and stakeholders as appropriate.

DECIDED:

(a) That the development of the Clyde Climate Forest and the role of the initiative in contributing to the Council's response to climate change be noted; and

(b) That the delivery of future phases of the initiative in Renfrewshire, subject to consultation with local communities and stakeholders be approved.

4 **Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park – proposed governance**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Economy & Development relative to the proposed governance arrangements, as they related to Renfrewshire, for Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park, following the dissolution of the Park Authority in March 2021.

The report provided a background to the governance of Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park (CMRP) and set out the work which would be undertaken to produce a new CMRP Strategy with the aim of agreeing a shared longer-term vision for the role of the CMRP in Renfrewshire and examine the potential to add to the Renfrewshire visitor offer and assist in achieving the Council's economic development objectives.

The report also set out proposals to establish a liaison group, consisting of elected members, community groups and Council officers, which would meet quarterly and agree a draft strategy to be presented to a future meeting of this Policy Board.

It was noted that the report recommended that a representative from a local residents' association be invited to join the liaison group. Due to the fact that Lochwinnoch did not have a residents' association it was proposed that a member of the Friends of Clyde Muirshiel group be invited to join. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED:

(a) That the recommended governance for Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park, as set out in section 4 of the report, be approved;

(b) That two members from the Infrastructure, Land & Environment Policy Board be appointed to represent the Council on a proposed Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park (Renfrewshire) Liaison Group, with one member being appointed from the Administration Group and one member being appointed from the opposition members;

(c) That two members from the Infrastructure, Land & Environment Policy Board be appointed to represent the Council on a Renfrewshire / Inverclyde Clyde Muirshiel Park Liaison Group, with one member being appointed from the Administration Group and one member being appointed from the opposition members; and

(d) That nominations for both the Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park (Renfrewshire) Liaison Group and the Renfrewshire / Inverclyde Clyde Muirshiel Park Liaison Group be sought at a future meeting of this Policy Board.

5 66 Netherhill Road, Paisley, PA3 4RL

There was submitted a report by the Head of Economy & Development relative to the provisional terms and conditions agreed for a new lease of the property at 66 Netherhill Road, Paisley.

The report set out that Boots UK Ltd had been the tenant at 66 Netherhill Road, Paisley, since May 2008 and that their lease had expired in May 2017. Since then a year-to-year lease had been in place at an annual rental of £4,200. Boots had requested a new five-year lease to provide security of tenure prior to undertaking a planned refit of the shop to improve dispensing facilities.

DECIDED: That authority be granted to the Head of Economy & Development and the Head of Corporate Governance to conclude a new lease of the shop property at 66 Netherhill Road, Paisley as per the terms and conditions contained in the report.

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 6 and 9 of part I of schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

6 Option agreement - Field Adjacent to Neilston Substation, Gleniffer Braes

There was submitted a report by the Head of Economy & Development relative to a proposed option agreement at the field adjacent to Neilston Substation, Gleniffer Braes.

DECIDED: That the recommendations as set out in the report be approved.

7 **Disposal of Roneil House, Stanely Road, Paisley**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Economy & Development relative to the disposal of Roneil House, Stanely Road, Paisley.

DECIDED: That the recommendations as set out in the report be approved.

8 **Disposal of Land adjacent to 4 Linwood Road, Paisley**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Economy & Development relative to the disposal of land adjacent to 4 Linwood Road, Paisley.

DECIDED: That the recommendations as set out in the report be approved.