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OBAN LORN & THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2012 **MCCAIG SUITE, CORRAN HALLS, OBAN - 10:30 AM**

Enclosed please find reports marked to follow on the above agenda.

Douglas Hendry
Executive Director - Customer Services

BUSINESS

8. DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- (a) Dalmally Cemetery (Pages 1 - 2)
- (c) Clock Tower (Pages 3 - 4)

10. EXEMPT ITEMS

The Committee will be asked to pass a resolution in terms of Section 50(a)94) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the public for items of business with an "E" on the grounds that it is likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 7a to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

The appropriate paragraph is:-

E1 - Paragraph 6 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (other than the authority)

E1 - Paragraph 9 Any terms proposed or to be proposed by or to the authority in the course of negotiations for a contract for the acquisition or disposal of property or the supply of goods or services.

E1 (c) Pennyghael (Pages 5 - 8)

E1 (e) Briefing Paper on Policy / Process of Buildings with Historic Scotland Listings
(Pages 9 - 16)

OBAN, LORN & THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE

Councillor Mary-Jean Devon
Councillor Fred Hall
Councillor Alistair MacDougall
Councillor Roderick McCuish

Councillor Louise Glen-Lee (Chair)
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AREA COMMITTEE****DEVELOPMENT
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MAINTENANCE OF BURIAL GROUNDS WITHIN THE OBAN AND LORN AREA

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides members with information regarding the maintenance programme for the upkeep of burial grounds throughout the Oban and Lorn area. Concerns were made to the Council previously regarding maintenance standards at burial grounds.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that members note the content of this report.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The Council has a duty for the maintenance of all burial grounds within its ownership. The current maintenance regime of burial grounds throughout the area includes twenty-four grass cuts, with follow-up works being carried out on a four weekly cycle.
- 3.2 During the maintenance season of 2011, issues were raised with the service regarding the maintenance of burial grounds. The issues raised related to the frequency of grass cutting and also the machinery type being used to carry out the operation.
- 3.3 Throughout this current season the maintenance of burial grounds has been more frequent, with Streetscene trialling a different type of machine. The alternative machine has provided improved control of the dispersal of the grass arisings. This has led to the operation being more effective and efficient.
- 3.4 During the current maintenance season, Streetscene staff have also applied a different herbicide product to the burial ground paths. This has proved very successful in eliminating weeds and growth, resulting in the cemetery paths being more presentable.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 This report provides members with information regarding the maintenance programme for the upkeep of burial grounds throughout the Oban and Lorn area. Concerns were made to the Council previously regarding maintenance standards at burial grounds.

5. IMPLICATIONS

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| 5.1 | Policy | None. |
| 5.2 | Financial | Greater efficiency in resource. |
| 5.3 | Personnel | Works carried out with existing resources. |
| 5.4 | Equalities Impact Assessment | None. |
| 5.5 | Legal | None. |

For further information, please contact Tom Murphy, Streetscene Manager,
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Sandy MacTaggart
Executive Director, Development & Infrastructure
30th September 2012

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CLOCK TOWER – OBAN

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides members with information regarding maintenance issues in relation to the trees at the Clock Tower, Oban. The report proposes that arboriculture works are carried out at this location.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that members give approval for arboriculture works to be carried out to the trees around the Clock Tower.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The Clock Tower area is a focal point within Oban town centre. The Council has a duty for the maintenance of this area and for ensuring that the features within the town are retained for the benefit of residents and visitors.
- 3.2 The trees at this location have outgrown their environment. The trees are detracting from the tower and are becoming unsightly and creating a nuisance. The issue relates to seven trees planted around the tower.
- 3.3 The Clock Tower is a focal point in the town centre environment. This location should be available for residents, visitors etc. to view the tower. Arboriculture works are required to enable the tower to be opened up for all to see.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 This report provides members with information regarding maintenance issues in relation to the trees at the Clock Tower, Oban. The report proposes that arboriculture works are carried out at this location.

5. IMPLICATIONS

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| 5.1 | Policy | None. |
| 5.2 | Financial | £200 for the disposal of trees' prunings. |
| 5.3 | Personnel | Works would be carried out by the existing workforce. |
| 5.4 | Equalities Impact Assessment | None. |
| 5.5 | Legal | None. |

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