

# Argyll and Bute Council Comhairle Earra-Ghàidheal Agus Bhòid

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#### **NOTICE OF MEETING**

A meeting of the HELENSBURGH & LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE will be held in the PILLAR HALL, VICTORIA HALLS, SINCLAIR STREET, HELENSBURGH on TUESDAY, 14 JUNE 2016 at 6:30 PM, which you are requested to attend.

Douglas Hendry
Executive Director of Customer Services

#### **BUSINESS**

- 1. APOLOGIES
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
- 3. MINUTES
  - (a) Minutes of previous Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee meeting held on 29 April 2016 (Pages 1 8)
- 4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
- 5. SCOTTISH WATER UPDATE

Verbal update by the Regional Communities Manager, Scottish Water

- 6. PRIMARY SCHOOLS PERFORMANCE AND ATTAINMENT (Pages 9 24)
  - Report by Acting Executive Director Community Services.
- 7. HERMITAGE ACADEMY CURRICULUM REVIEW (Pages 25 34)

Report by Executive Director – Customer Services.

8. **HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND CIVIC CENTRE - SCULPTURE** (Pages 35 - 38)

Report by Executive Director of Customer Services

**9. AREA SCORECARD - FQ4 2015-16** (Pages 39 - 44)

Report by Executive Director – Customer Services.

#### **10. NVA/ST PETERS UPDATE** (Pages 45 - 50)

Report by Executive Director - Development and Infrastructure Services

#### 11. ADULT SERVICES - CARE AT HOME (Pages 51 - 58)

Report by Locality Manager

#### 12. NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 13

Artwork on new Council offices, East Clyde Street, Helensburgh

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee considered a motion on the above subject at its meeting on 11 August 2015 requesting that officers prepare a report with options for relocating the art work from the front elevation of the new Council offices on East Clyde Street, Helensburgh along with the approximate costs of such work. The motion also proposed that Members provide officers with suggestions on alternative corporate signage or art work to replace the existing art work that would enhance the Council's corporate image within the Helensburgh and Lomond area.

Only eight members were in attendance at the Area Committee meeting on 11 August 2015 when there was a split vote with four members supporting the motion and four members supporting an amendment to note the previous advice from officers that it would not be cost neutral to relocate the art work from its present position and agree to take no action. On casting vote of the Chairman, the amendment became the decision of the Area Committee.

Concerns continue to be raised by the public relating to the appropriateness of the "art work" on the front elevation of the new Council offices on East Clyde Street, Helensburgh. Members of the public are also surprised to hear that local Councillors had no say on the specific art work that currently adorns the front of the building. A number of Members are disappointed that the Area Committee were not consulted on the art work and believe that the democratic views of Helensburgh and Lomond Councillors should have been sought before a final decision was taken on commissioning the art work.

Although the Council and public can be rightly proud of this most impressive building that clearly enhances the image of Helensburgh, there are ongoing concerns that it is not obvious to those viewing this outstanding building that this the corporate centre of Argyll and Bute Council within the Helensburgh and Lomond area, and as such, fails to enhance the corporate image of Argyll and Bute Council.

#### Motion:

The Area Committee agrees that:

- a. Officers should prepare a report for the next meeting of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee which will provide Members with options for relocating the art work from the front elevation of the new Council offices on East Clyde Street, Helensburgh along with the approximate costs for such work.
- b. Members should provide officers with suggestions on alternative corporate signage or art work to replace the existing art work that will enhance the Council's corporate image within the Helensburgh and Lomond area, that

officers should include within the report referred to at a. above for the June 2016 meeting of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee.

Proposed by Councillor George Freeman Seconded by Councillor Robert G MacIntyre

#### 13. NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 13

#### PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN ROAD CROSSING AT ROSNEATH

At its meeting in February 2010, the Helensburgh & Lomond Area Committee agreed that a pedestrian crossing be installed on the B833 at a central location in Rosneath. Works could not be progressed at that time due to pending development works at the Rosneath Co-op Store. After considerable delays, the development of the new Co-op Store at Rosneath has now been completed.

Given the recent completion of the Co-op development at Rosneath, officers were asked to provide an update on timescales etc for the installation of the proposed crossing. Officers have responded by saying that there is currently no business case and no funding has been allocated towards the cost of the crossing although officers have confirmed that they have already requested vehicle and pedestrian surveys to be carried out which can be used to inform a business case. This appears to be at variance with similar crossings at Garelochhead and Kilcreggan where no such surveys or business cases were required.

Officers have stated that, assuming that the business case meets the criteria, they can then bid for funding to be included in a future programme. From the response provide by officers, it would appear that they do not envisage the crossing, which was a unanimous decision of the Area Committee, being installed at any stage in the near future.

#### Motion:

The Helensburgh & Lomond Area Committee notes with concern that no funding has been allocated towards the cost of installing a pedestrian crossing on the B833 at Rosneath that the Area Committee unanimously requested over 6 years ago. The Area Committee also notes that officers have now requested vehicle and pedestrian surveys are carried out to inform a business case for the proposed crossing.

#### The Area Committee:

- a. Reaffirms its support for the proposed crossing on the B833 at Rosneath.
- b. Notes that officers have already arrange for vehicle and pedestrian surveys to be carried out for the purpose of informing a business case for the proposed crossing.
- c. Requests that officers investigate funding options for the proposed Rosneath crossing if the business case meets the appropriate criteria.
- d. Requests that an update on progress on this project be provide to the next Helensburgh & Lomond Business Day meeting.

Proposed by Councillor George Freeman

#### 14. NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 13

#### ALL WEATHER / ASTRO SPORTS FACILITIES IN ARGYLL & BUTE

With the assistance of funding from the New Opportunities Fund, an all-weather Astro Turf and changing rooms facility was provide by Argyll & Bute Council at Bendarroch Park, Garelochhead over 10 years ago. Part of the agreement relating to this project was that income from bookings for the facility, which were paid to the Council, should contribute towards a sinking fund to be created by the Council that would cover the cost of replacing the artificial grass surface at the facility.

Although information on the income generated at the Bendarroch Park facility and on the balance in the sinking fund has been requested on a number of occasions over recent years, that information has not been made available. Concerns have been raised that the artificial grass within the facility has now passed its 10 years estimated useful life, is in poor condition and requires to be replaced, and that there may now be insufficient finance within the sinking fund to cover the cost of this work.

Similar concerns have been raised relating to the condition and finances linked to other sports / leisure facilities within Argyll & Bute. These include serious concerns relating to the Dunoon 5-a-side pitch that was leased to the Cowal Community Sports Project. These concerns include claims that a loan of £25,000 that was paid from the Repairs & Renewal Fund in 2001 to the Project has not been repaid, that the annual rental of £860 that was due to the Council after the first 3 years (during which time a nominal rental agreement was in place) has not been paid, that a loan from the Business Development Fund, approved in 2001, has not been repaid and that there has been a failure by the Project to set aside £10,000 annually into a sinking fund as had been agreed with the Council.

The details highlighted above, if accurate, raise serious concerns with regards to the management and finances associated with similar facilities across Argyll & Bute. It is therefore considered essential that the issues highlighted above are addressed and that members are provide with reassurances relating to the management and finances associated with all such facilities across Argyll & Bute and that arrangements are being taken forward to replace the artificial grass surfaces at all such facilities where the 10 year estimated useful life has now been passed.

#### Motion:

The Helensburgh & Lomond Area Committee notes the concerns that have been raised with Members relating to the condition, management and finances of all-weather sports facilities across Argyll & Bute and agrees to recommend to the Council that officers are requested to bring a full report to an early meeting of the Council which should include the following:

- a. A list of all-weather sports facilities that are owned, operated or leased by Argyll & Bute Council.
- b. Details of the current management arrangements for each of the facilities included on the list requested at a. above.
- c. Details of the balances and annual income of any sinking funds linked to any of the facilities included on the list requested at a. above.
- d. Details of the annual income generated at each of the facilities included on the

- list requested at a. above.
- e. Details of any agreements relating to the finances included on the list requested at a. above and any failures to comply with such agreements.
- f. Details of those facilities included on the list requested at a. above where the surface has now reached / passed its estimated useful life.
- g. Details of any programme to replace those surfaces listed at f. above that have now reached / passed their estimated useful life.
- h. Details of the estimated cost of replacing those surfaces at each of the facilities listed at f. above.
- Details of any other issues relating to the facilities included on the list requested at a. above that officers consider should be brought to the attention of Members.

Proposed by Councillor George Freeman Seconded by Councillor Vivien Dance

#### 15. NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 13

INTEGRATED CARE FUND LOCALITY ALLOCATIONS AND HEALTH & WELLBEING FUND ALLOCATIONS

As a result of information provided by the Argyll & Bute Health & Social Care Partnership (A&BHSCP) relating to the Integrated Care Fund Locality Allocations (ICFLA) and the Health & Wellbeing Fund (H&WF) allocations, concerns have been raised that the allocations were not based on the population of each of the four decentralised areas in Argyll & Bute.

As a result, when the allocations were considered against the population of the four decentralised areas, this confirmed that on a per capita basis, the Helensburgh and Lomond Area, although being the area with the largest population, received substantially less than the other three decentralised areas. The per capita figures for the ICFLA confirmed that the Oban, Lorn & the Isles area received 29.3% more than the Helensburgh & Lomond Area with the Mid Argyll, Kintyre & Islay area and the Bute & Cowal area respectively receiving 27.2% and 24.3% above the Helensburgh & Lomond area allocation.

When the H&WF allocation for 2016/17 is considered against the population of the four decentralised areas, this confirms that, on a per capita basis, the Helensburgh and Lomond Area again receives substantially less than the other three decentralised areas. The figures for the H&WF allocations for 2016/17 confirm that the Oban, Lorn & the Isles area receives 20% more than the Helensburgh & Lomond Area with the Mid Argyll, Kintyre & Islay area and the Bute & Cowal area respectively receiving 30% and 40% above the Helensburgh & Lomond area allocation.

A&BHSCP has confirmed that the allocation of the ICFLA for 2016/17 (Year 1) was split four ways with each decentralised area receiving £200,000 as they did not have robust data readily available to enable full consideration of other factors such as need, deprivation etc. A&BHSCP has confirmed that it has now adopted the National Resource Allocation Committee (NRAC) formula for ICFLA for year two. Unfortunately, by using this formula, the ICFLA allocation for the Helensburgh & Lomond area and the Oban & Lorn and the Isles area will reduce further with the allocations for the Bute & Cowal and Mid Argyll, Kintyre & Islay increasing further.

A&BHSCP has also confirmed that the allocation of the Health & Wellbeing Fund for

2016/17 was also based on the NRAC formula which ensures that, when considered against a per capita basis, the Helensburgh & Lomond Area, although having by far the largest population, receives less than the other three decentralised areas.

The NHS Scotland Resource Allocation Committee (NRAC) formula is used to inform the allocation of funding to the 14 territorial NHS Boards for the provision of Hospital & Community Health Services (HCHS) and GP Prescribing. This accounts for around 70% of the total NHS Scotland budget. The formula calculates percentages for each NHS Board based on a weighted capitation approach that starts with the number of people resident in each NHS Board area. The formula then makes adjustments for the age/sex profile of the NHS Board population, their additional needs based on morbidity and life circumstances (including deprivation) and the unavoidable excess costs of providing health services in different geographical areas.

#### Motion:

**E1** 

The Helensburgh & Lomond Area Committee requests that, given the concerns that have been raised relating to the information available from the Argyll & Bute Health & Social Care Partnership (A&BHSCP) on the Integrated Care Fund Locality Allocations (ICFLA) and the Heath & Wellbeing Fund (H&WF) allocations, Council officers liaise with officers from the A&BHSCP to provide a report on these allocations for the next Helensburgh & Lomond Area Committee that should include:

- Details of the NHS Scotland Resource Allocation Committee (NRAC) formula and how the allocation of funding for NHS Highland has been calculated based on that formula.
- b. Details of the number of residents in each of the four decentralised areas of Argyll & Bute that has been used by the A&BHSCP as part of the NRAC formula for calculating the proposed ICFLA allocations for 2017/18 and the H&WF allocations for 2016/17 for each of the four decentralised areas of Argyll & Bute.
- c. Details of the adjustments that have been made to the proposed ICFLA allocations for 2017/18 and the H&WF allocations for 2016/17 relating to age/sex profile and their additional needs based on morbidity and life circumstances (including deprivation) for each of the four decentralised areas of Argyll & Bute.
- d. Details of any unavoidable excess costs of providing health services in different geographical areas of Argyll & Bute that have been used as part of the NRAC formula for calculating the proposed ICFLA allocations for 2017/18 and the H&WF allocations for 2016/17 for the four decentralised areas of Argyll & Bute.

Proposed by Councillor George Freeman Seconded by Councillor Vivien Dance

#### 16. HELENSBURGH WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT

- (a) Helensburgh Waterfront Development Update (Pages 59 74)
  - Report by Executive Director Development and Infrastructure Services
- (b) Waterfront Development Flood Defence Options and Financial Information (Appendix B) (Pages 75 78)

#### Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services

## E2 17. LAND ADJOINING FORMER JANITOR'S HOUSE, 3 CAMPBELL DRIVE, HELENSBURGH (Pages 79 - 84)

Report by Executive Director – Customer Services.

The Committee will be asked to pass a resolution in terms of Section 50(A)(4) 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 I of Schedule 7a to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

The appropriate paragraph is:-

**E1** 

Paragraph 8 The amount of any expenditure proposed to be incurred by the authority under any particular contract for the acquisition of property or the supply of goods or services.

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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.

### **Helensburgh & Lomond Area Committee**

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