

**MINUTE**  
**of**  
**CABINET**

**Minute of Meeting held at 10.00am in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Giffnock on 29 September 2016.**

**Present:**

Councillor Jim Fletcher (Leader)	Councillor Alan Lafferty
Councillor Tony Buchanan (Deputy Leader)	Councillor Ian McAlpine
Councillor Elaine Green	Councillor Vincent Waters

Councillor Fletcher, Leader, in the Chair

**Attending:**

Lorraine McMillan, Chief Executive; Andy Cahill, Director of Environment; Margaret McCrossan, Head of Accountancy (Chief Financial Officer); Ian Conway, Senior Regeneration Officer; and Eamonn Daly, Democratic Services Manager.

**Apologies:**

Councillors Danny Devlin and Mary Montague.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**2197.** There were no declarations of interest intimated.

**GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016/17**

**2198.** The Cabinet considered a report by the Chief Financial Officer, monitoring expenditure as at 7 September 2016 against the approved Capital Programme for 2016/17 and recommending adjustments where necessary in light of issues that had arisen since the programme had been approved.

The report highlighted the latest developments relating to the programme, including the latest income and expenditure movements and cash flow management issues and indicated that the projected shortfall of £247,000 representing 0.5% of the resources available and was within manageable limits.

Having heard Councillors Buchanan and Fletcher express disappointment at the slow progress with some of the regeneration projects in the programme, but explain that these delays were due to factors outwith the Council's control, the Cabinet agreed to:-

- (a) **recommend to the Council** that the proposed adjustments to the General Fund Capital Programme 2016/17 be approved;

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- (b) approve the transfer of £50,000 between the Barrhead Sports Centre refurbishment and Barrhead Learning and Leisure Hub projects; and
- (c) note the shortfall of £247,000 would be managed and reported on a regular basis.

### **HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016/17**

**2199.** The Cabinet considered a joint report by the Chief Financial Officer and Director of Environment, monitoring expenditure as at 7 September 2016 against the approved Housing Capital Programme 2016/17 and recommending adjustments where necessary in light of issues that had arisen since the programme had been approved.

The report highlighted the latest developments relating to the programme, including the latest income and expenditure movements and cash flow management issues and indicated that the projected shortfall of £26,000 representing 0.5% of the resources available was within manageable limits.

Whilst noting that Scottish Government grant income of £34,000 and a drawdown of £31,000 from commuted sums (2nd homes Council Tax discount) had been added to the programme to fund the purchase of a property under the mortgage to rent arrangements, the report explained that estimated capital receipts from Right to Buy sales had been increased by £310,000 above the level reported to the meeting of the Council on 15 June 2016. The increase was based on actual receipts, missives concluded and offers issued to tenants to date.

Councillor Lafferty having questioned whether some of the additional capital receipts generated from Right to Buy sales could have been used towards the construction of new Council housing, the Chief Financial Officer explained why it was proposed to use the additional funds to reduce borrowing at present, highlighting that there were other sources of funding available that could be used to assist in providing new affordable housing.

Echoing these comments, the Director of Environment intimated that he would be submitting a report to a future meeting of the Cabinet on proposals for new council house construction.

The Cabinet agreed to:-

- (a) **recommend to the Council** that the movements within the Housing Capital Programme 2016/17 be approved;
- (b) homologate the decision to purchase an additional property under the mortgage to rent arrangements;
- (c) approve the drawdown of £31,000 from commuted sums (2nd homes Council Tax discount) to assist with the purchase of the additional property;
- (d) approve an expenditure increase of £300,000 to External Structural Works;
- (e) approve the transfer of £100,000 from Rewiring to External Structural Works; and
- (f) note the shortfall of £26,000 would be managed and reported on a regular basis.

**CIVICA UK LIMITED – ICON INCOME MANAGEMENT SYSTEM UPGRADE**

**2200.** The Cabinet considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive, seeking an exemption from tendering procedures in accordance with the provisions of clause 15(ii) of the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts, to allow a contract to be negotiated with Civica UK plc, for the provision of an upgrade to the ICON system to assist achievement in PCI DSS compliance which included an upgrade of ICON to Version 16; an upgrade to chip and pin devices to enhance encryption and security; introduction of PCI Pal Mid Call solution, at a cost of approximately £105,000.

The Chief Financial Officer having been heard further on the need for the system upgrade in response to questions from Councillor McAlpine, the Cabinet approved the report.

**Resolution to Exclude Press and Public**

At this point in the meeting, on the motion of the Leader, the Cabinet unanimously resolved that in accordance with the provisions of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 6 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 7A to the Act.

**RETAIL COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT – FORMER NESTLE SITE, GLASGOW ROAD, BARRHEAD**

**2201.** The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Environment, seeking approval to enter into negotiations with the company referred to in the report regarding the sale of part of the former Nestle site, Glasgow Road, Barrhead for the development of a retail discount park.

Following discussion on the type of development proposed with Members welcoming the proposals, and having heard Councillor Buchanan commend officers for their work in bringing the proposals to their current stage, the Cabinet agreed that delegated powers be granted to the Director of Environment, in consultation with the Chief Officer – Legal and Procurement, to progress the terms and conditions and then conclude the transaction in relation to the disposal of part of the former Nestle site, Glasgow Road, Barrhead for the development of a retail discount park.

CHAIR

