

**PUBLIC PETITIONS AND GENERAL PURPOSES POLICY DEVELOPMENT
 COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.**

Glasgow, 3rd September 2013.

Public Petitions and General Purposes Policy Development Committee.

- Present: Frank Docherty (Chair), Bill Butler, Josephine Docherty, Stephen Dornan, Glenn Elder, Billy McAllister, Frank McAveety, Austin Sheridan, Sohan Singh, Helen Stephen, Fariha Thomas and David Turner.
- Apologies: Judith Fisher, Liam Hainey and Rashid Hussain.
- Attending: A M Carr (Clerk); A O'Donnell, Executive Director of Corporate Services; M Johnston, Assistant Director of Financial Services; G Gillespie, Assistant Director of Land and Environmental Services; A Connolly (for the Chief Executive); and K Clark and M McNally, (for the Executive Director of Development and Regeneration Services).

Renovation of the Winter Gardens in Tollcross Park—Public petition dealt with—Instruction to Executive Director of Land and Environmental Services.

1 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services advising of a petition, containing 25 signatures, which had been submitted by the Tollcross Walking Group regarding renovation of the Winter Gardens in Tollcross Park, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, which highlighted the organisation's concerns and the outcomes sought by them in relation to their petition.

The committee heard Morag Skinner, Principal Petitioner, and Joyce Tully and Allison Lawson, 2 supporters accompanying her, in support of their petition, which stated their view that there was currently nowhere for people to go within the park for refreshments and relaxation and that given next year would see the XX Commonwealth Games coming to Glasgow, they considered that it would be an added bonus to see the Winter Gardens restored to their former glory.

After consideration, the committee

- (1) agreed that the issues raised in the petition deserved further attention; and
- (2) instructed the Executive Director of Land and Environmental Services to consider the concerns highlighted by the petitioners and undertake to work with the Glasgow family and local community groups, as appropriate, to review feasible options which would result in a sustainable solution for the future of the Winter Gardens in Tollcross Park.

Say No to Tesco—Stop Supermarkets Expansion on our Local High Streets—Public Petition dealt with—Instruction to Executive Director of Development and Regeneration Services.

2 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services advising of a petition, containing 37 signatures, which had been submitted by Ellie Harrison, Principal Petitioner regarding the extent of supermarket expansion on local high streets, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, which highlighted the petitioners' concerns and the outcomes sought by them in relation to their petition.

The committee heard Ellie Harrison, and Oriane Brunet and Paula Fraser, 2 supporters accompanying her, which highlighted the petitioners' concerns regarding the expansion of supermarkets on local high streets within this city and which requested this Council to develop and implement new rules in its next City Plan to prevent new supermarkets opening in areas which already had good access to other local food suppliers and grocers and which had other supermarkets within a certain radius.

After consideration, the committee

- (1) agreed that the issues raised in the petition deserved further attention; and
- (2) instructed the Executive Director of Development and Regeneration Services to submit a report to the Regeneration and the Economy Policy Development Committee, having considered the concerns highlighted by the petitioners, which would examine the National Planning Framework and the emerging strategies which might address the issues highlighted by the petitioners regarding the disproportionate balance of retailers in local communities and which would consider the merits and demerits of the current framework.

Updated work plan 2013/14 approved.

3 With reference to the minutes of 26th March 2013 (Print 1, page 48), approving the committee's work programme for 2013/14, there was submitted an update report by the Chief Executive, advising of the

- (1) range of issues considered to date; and
- (2) proposed work programme for this committee for 2013/14.

After consideration, the committee approved the updated work programme for 2013/14.

Information Security policy noted—Recommendation to Executive Committee approved.

4 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services providing an updated Information Security policy, advising

- (1) of this Council's invitation to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) to conduct a voluntary audit of the Council's compliance with data protection rules;
- (2) that 1 of the recommendations to the Council, which emanated from the ICO audit, was to update its Information Security policy; and
- (3) of the key proposals of the policy, as detailed in the appendix to the report.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted the terms of the proposed updated Information Security Policy, as detailed in the appendix to the report, and the circumstances under which the Council needed to review and update its policy and the proposal that the Information Security Board could make minor changes and updates to this policy; and
- (b) agreed to recommend to the Executive Committee approval of the updated Information Security policy, as detailed in the appendix to the report.

Corporate Services and Chief Executive's Office—Annual Service Plan and Improvement Report 2012-15 noted.

5 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services regarding the Annual Service Plan and Improvement Report and the budget proposals and performance targets for the period 2012 to 2015 for the Chief Executive's Office and for Corporate Services, advising

- (1) of the staffing resources and structure of the combined services and how they contributed to the Council's key objectives;
- (2) of the key service activities and main opportunities, challenges and risks facing the services;
- (3) that service priorities and performance measures had been revised, with the services' high level work programme and performance objectives for the current financial year being detailed in the report, which were aligned to the 3 elements of the combined services' vision of Corporate Leadership, Support and Enabling and Customer Services;
- (4) of the combined services' 2012/13 budget, comments on the 2012/13 and probable outturn and additional details regarding the 2012/13 budget;
- (5) that the report had been used to inform the production of the Council Annual Performance Report; and
- (6) that the report would be a baseline for service performance monitoring for 2013/15.

Financial Services—Annual Service Plan and Improvement Report 2012-15 noted—Instruction to Executive Director of Financial Services.

6 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Financial Services regarding the Annual Service Plan and Improvement Report for Financial Services for 2012-15, advising of

- (1) the range of services provided and details of the staffing and financial resources available to deliver the service together with details of the estimates of income and expenditure for 2012/13;
- (2) the opportunities and challenges the service would face in 2012/13;
- (3) service performance in 2011/12;

- (4) service priorities for 2012/13; and
- (5) budget impact and changes in 2011/12 and 2012/13.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) instructed the Executive Director of Financial Services to consider other options, in addition to the ongoing engagement work with a wide range of stakeholders, to increase awareness of the resources available from the Welfare Fund which would assist in an increase in the uptake of such funds amongst the most vulnerable citizens within this city.