

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HELENSBURGH & LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE HELD ON
A HYBRID BASIS BY MICROSOFT TEAMS AND IN THE MARRIAGE SUITE IN THE
HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND CIVIC CENTRE
ON TUESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2023**

Present: Councillor Gemma Penfold (Chair)

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| Councillor Math Campbell-Sturgess | Councillor Paul Donald Kennedy |
| Councillor Graham Hardie | Councillor Ian MacQuire |
| Councillor Fiona Howard | Councillor Gary Mulvaney |
| Councillor Mark Irvine | |

Attending: Stuart McLean, Committee Manager

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used to improve it.

rejected and in 2012 a masterplan addendum, generally referred to as the 2012 masterplan, was adopted. Now that over a decade has passed and the Council is today seeking the removal of the key element of the skatepark, and perhaps also over half of the site use being public realm before a new forthcoming economic assessment has been completed, will the Council be commissioning a new Masterplan Addendum that reflects the considerable changes to economic conditions and shift in emphases of planning objectives as set out in National Planning Framework 4?

The Estates and Development Manager advised that he would provide Mrs Baker with a written response by email following the meeting.

The Head of Commercial Services advised that at this stage Officers are working to the 2012 Masterplan and that there is no proposal to put forward a new masterplan.

Polly Jones, Helensburgh Community Council

There is a considerable amount of concern around the process to make decisions on what happens to the waterfront.

Does the Committee believe that it is prejudicial to be asked to agree the following recommendation 'the waterfront site is not considered to be a suitable long term location for the skatepark as initial marketing of the site has highlighted that the site is not large enough to accommodate a larger scale skatepark which the group are seeking as well as a viable commercial development' outlined within the associated report before considering the report 'Helensburgh Waterfront Development (Commercial Area) – Update & Shortlisting of Offers', as the location is dependent on what the plans are for the waterfront?

Helensburgh Community Council have undertaken a number of consultation exercises, and have had 4,500 people participate, more than the 83 responses mentioned in the associated report. How will the Committee include the views of the 4,500 alongside the plans and responses?

There is reference in the summary of the report at item 13, others would welcome a retail or hospitality option, how many people are included in this statement?

The Head of Commercial Services advised that he would provide Mrs Jones with a written response by email following the meeting.

The Committee Manager advised that it is custom and practise that those items which have elements that are exempt are placed at end of the agenda to allow members of public to attend as much of the meeting as possible.

The Head of Commercial Services clarified that the recommendation is advising that the waterfront is not large enough to accommodate a large scale skatepark alongside a commercial development but there could be a smaller one.

6. POLICE SCOTLAND UPDATE

Consideration was given to an update which included information on the ongoing work of the Service and provided information on the expansion of the Partners Intelligence Portal; retailers support in Helensburgh; the 'Move in May' challenge which Police Scotland staff took part in; Progress Pride flag's journey around Argyll and West Dunbartonshire Division; the Keep Safe scheme; the 'Don't Feed Hate' campaign and Operation Balaton.

Discussion took place in relation to the current layout of the Area Committee Police reports and the Committee agreed that they would like local crime statics to be included in future reports.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee considered and noted the information provided in the report.

(Reference: Report by Sergeant Eddie McGunnigal, Police Scotland, submitted)

7. AREA PERFORMANCE REPORT - FQ1 2023/24

Consideration was given to the Area Performance Report for financial quarter 1 of 2023/24 (April to June 2023) which illustrated the agreed performance measures for this period.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee:

1. noted and considered the performance and supporting commentary as presented;
2. noted that upon receipt of the Quarterly Performance Report the Area Committee should contact either the Responsible Named Officer or Sonya Thomas with any queries; and
3. noted that work was ongoing and to respond to Sonya Thomas with requests or comments regarding the layout and format of the Performance Report and Scorecard.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Customer Support Services, dated 23 August 2023, submitted)

8. RECYCLING AND RECOVERY PERFORMANCE

Consideration was given to a report providing details on the Council's recycling and landfill diversion performance along with national policy, targets and regulations which are likely to impact on future performance.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee noted and considered the details as outlined in the report and the national policy drivers that would likely impact over the coming years.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with th ittee

9. HELENSBURGH WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT -

11. SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES FUND - MONITORING OF PROJECTS FUNDED

3. noted the Property Development Working Group had met in August 2023 to score and assess the 9 proposals with 7 being shortlisted to proceed to next stage for full financial offers as outlined in Appendix C within the report;

would require approval of full Council and/or the appropriate Committee prior to submission;

7. gave consideration to the need to secure 30% match funding of the cost of construction from non-Transport Scotland sources; and
8. gave consideration to identifying how future maintenance of the path would be funded and undertaken, given the current situation where no path specific maintenance funding is provided to the Council; and
9. agreed that officers would bring forward a report to the next Area Committee outlining progress made and suggested next steps.