

ERC cabinet astonishingly approve the give away Â£1.71 million of residents cash

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At a meeting of the Cabinet on 3rd December 2020 the councillors agreed to the Director of the Environments bleating request to agree to cover his and his staffs overspend and cash give away.

Andy Cahill came out with, in our opinion, excuse after excuse to cover the loss.

In summary we can describe it as follows, however you can watch the whole sorry claims made by Cahill on the East Renfrewshire Council Youtube channel.

The throwing away cash item comes at 38.45 minutes and ends at 54.38 minutes.

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Re: ERC cabinet astonishingly approve the give away Â£1.71 million of residents cash

Posted by RM64 - 26 Mar 2021 13:19

Overlee discharge route to White Cart Water

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Re: ERC cabinet astonishingly approve the give away Â£1.71 million of residents cash

Posted by RM64 - 26 Mar 2021 15:25

Scottish Water Drainage Status Report â€“ 03/04/2020

Site

Status/Actions

Action Reqâ€™d

Busby

Ref: 749371

â€¢ Revised PDE submitted to Scottish Water for â€˜foul onlyâ€™TM connection.

â€¢ PDE approved

â€¢ Technical approval application to be resubmitted

â€¢ ERC to review land ownership plans to allow B&B to assess potential surface water route to Whitecart Water

HB

ERC /

B&B

Crookfur

Ref : 749387

â€¢ Revised PDE submitted to Scottish Water for â€˜foul onlyâ€™TM connection.

â€¢ SW originally responded looking for a DIA to be undertaken.

Following further discussions it has been agreed this is no

longer required and PDE should be approved. Awaiting

paperwork.

â€¢ Trial pits to be dug at western end of park to assess suitability for soakaway / storage. Trial pits have been excavated to 2.5m depth with no rock encountered. Ground was stiff boulder clay not suitable for soakaway.

â€¢ Design option for pumped line and storage still under review.

B&B

HB /

B&B

B&B

Eaglesham

Ref: 762843

â€¢ Revised PDE submitted to Scottish Water for â€˜foul onlyâ€™™ connection.

â€¢ Response received from SW asking for DIA.

B&B have responded noting that no DIA was required with the original application and requesting further review.

SW have further responded confirming â€˜The reason a DIA was requested for

this development, there is an area of known flooding immediately downstream of this proposed development.

For that reason any proposed increase in flows will have to be hydraulically assessed and therefore a DIA will be required for this development.

Due to it being high profile flooding where MSP's are involved, the asset planner isn't willing to take the risk therefore has requested a DIA.â€™™

B&B need to follow this up with ERC flood prevention team to check if this is in fact the case.

â€¢ ERC to review land ownership plans should the route to the

burn to north east of site be required.

â€¢ B&B reviewing the use of the â€˜swampâ€™ area to south east of car park as potential additional storage. Due to levels this area could only be used if drainage was pumped to it and as the water would not permeate the ground it is deemed unsuitable.

SW /

B&B

ERC

B&B

Glenwood

Ref: 749373

â€¢ Revised PDE submitted to Scottish Water for â€˜foul onlyâ€™ connection.

â€¢ Response received from SW asking how water was being dealt with on site. B&B have gone back to SW. B&B to chase final response. PDE now approved.

â€¢ Technical approval application to be resubmitted

â€¢ Survey received from HB. Final route and levels being finalised with HB. Route and levels still be co-ordinated with HB.

B&B

HB

B&B

Overlee

Ref: 749366

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â€¢ Response received from SW asking how water was being dealt with on site. B&B have gone back to SW. B&B to chase final response. PDE now approved.

â€¢ Technical approval application to be resubmitted

â€¢ Proposed route to Whitecart Water being finalised between B&B / HB. Proposed route has been surveyed by HB and provided to B&B. Design and drawings to be completed.

B&B

HB

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Re: ERC cabinet astonishingly approve the give away Â£1.71 million of residents cash

Posted by RM64 - 26 Mar 2021 15:43

Scottish water report (Herons: five new build contracts)

A Pre development enquiry (PDE) form for each site has been with Scottish Water since June 2018.

It took 20 months to get a final response which was a blanket refusal for surface water connections into combined sewers for all five sites.

Early years designs were completed more than 2 years ago when it was still acceptable to connect to combined sewers.

We received planning approval based on this proposal.

But Scottish water have since taken a hard line approach which has misled the design team and other Councils with busy early year's expansion programmes.

1 Scottish Water normal criteria

1. Rainwater is stored on site – this is impractical at education facilities as there is not much demand for non-potable water

2. Infiltration on site through soil – all our sites are on clay or rock so this is not possible as there is a lack of permeability

3. Drain to a watercourse – not considered feasible due to the high costs and programming restraints. Complexity of crossing private land/ wayleaves/ roads/ wooded area with TPOs and pumping required.

4. Discharge to a separate storm sewer – not feasible as there is not a separate system nearby

5. Discharge to a combined sewer – this is the most realistic option and attenuation tanks installed to store and gently release water into combined sewer.

Scottish Water refused design proposals for the storm drain to discharge into the combined sewers on all five sites.

Blyth and Blyth (B&B) reviewed the Scottish water design criteria list and discounted them with the exception of option 5 for the reasons as outlined.

Other solutions have since had to be agreed with Scottish Water

2 Offset options

If we can remove an equivalent amount of surface water from another part of the sewer catchment area

to enable a zero net detriment to the sewer catchment area we may be given access into the combined sewer.

This was explored and the sites verbally agreed for this option have been:

Crookfur family centre “ broomburn drive into burn

Eaglesham Nursery class “ cheapside street into burn

Busby nursery class - no additional works

However as part of the offset option agreement it has been agreed with SW to demolish existing Overlee pavilion and Glenwood nursery which will take pressure off the sewer catchment area.

The above solutions have verbally been agreed with Scottish Water.

These works will incur extra over costs as outlined in table below.

3 Take drain to a watercourse

This is the alternative option put forward by Blyth and Blyth engineers.

This was explored and the sites agreed with Scottish Water for this option have been:

Overlee family centre “ drain taken to watercourse

Glenwood family centre “ drain taken to watercourse

The above solutions have now been verbally agreed with Scottish Water. These works will incur extra over costs as outlined in table below.

4 Scottish Water summary table

HERON BROS PROJECTS Scottish water works

Busby nursery class 70,000

Crookfur Family centre 175,000

Eaglesham nursery class 135,000

Glenwood family centre 116,000

Overlee 80,000

TOTAL 576,000 is the costs to carry out works

Notes

These works have been carried out in accordance with the Engineers drawings and in strict adherence with Scottish Waters requirements. This work involves laying hundreds of meter of drainpipes which reflect the high civil costs.

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Posted by RM64 - 26 Mar 2021 16:02

From: Blythe & Blythe

Sent: 23 October 2020 16:47

To: ERC

Cc: ERC: Heron Bros

Subject: ERC2020 - Drainage Offset - SEPA / Maintenance

Further to our call earlier please see below comments in regards to SEPA and maintenance.

SEPA

SEPA regulate activities that have an effect on the water environment, including those within the vicinity, by way of The Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 (as amended), known as CAR; activities include pollution control, engineering, abstraction and impoundment.

The Regulations allow for proportionate regulation based on the risk an activity poses to the water environment, there are three types of CAR authorisation:

• General Binding Rules (GBRs);

• Registrations; and

• Licences.

GBRs represent a set of mandatory rules which cover specific low risk activities. Activities complying with the rules do not require an application to be made to SEPA, as compliance with a GBR is considered to be compliance with an authorisation.

Surface water run-off / discharges are covered by GBR10(a), 11 and 21 and states that a "simple" licence is only required from SEPA for the following

- Surface water discharges from >60 hectares of land used for residential premises, >1,000 car park spaces, all industrial estates, and motorways and A roads.

As the works that we are undertaking do not fall within the above criteria the GBRs apply.

We have made contact with SEPA to request a formal response on the above and I await confirmation of this.

Maintenance

With regards to maintenance both sites are slightly different.

At Crookfur the routes are both easily accessible from the road at either end of the watercourse in which weâ€™re connecting with manholes and headwalls all within 40m of the road.

At Eaglesham vehicular access is only available from Cheapside Street and the point of discharge to the Eaglesham Burn is some 90m from the road.

As the route of the piped network is through the park there is no road access.

If a vehicle were required to cross the grass to maintain the route it would potentially need to be a tracked vehicle or provide its own protective matting.

Maintenance to both sites would be minimal.

It is worth noting that at Eaglesham Scottish Water already have assets within the park and no vehicular access is provided to these.

If you require anything further please feel free to give me a call â€”

Regards

From: ERC

Sent: 02 November 2020 12:03

To: ERC

Cc: ERC; Heron Bros; Blythe & Blythe; Gardiner

Subject: RE: ERC2020 - Drainage Offset - SEPA / Maintenance

Hi â€¦.

Further to your earlier email.

Blyth and Blyth are having huge problems with Scottish Water and the Contractor is under pressure from ERC to complete contracts so itâ€™s causing a bit of pressure on everyone. Â

The sticking point is Scottish Water.

Please see â€¦.. email below in regard to SEPA and Maintenance.

For the first year Education would take on maintenance and thereafter they would agree terms with â€¦.. at parks - Neighbourhood services..

I will notify â€¦.. of proposals â€” he is aware of all the problems we have been having with Scottish Water across all five new build sites.

I can confirm both proposed site areas are under Council ownership â€” see attached confirmation fromâ€¦â€¦â€¦.

I understand Road permissions are required and â€¦.. advised me that he was going to call you for an update.

Can we arrange an urgent meeting with Blyth and Blyth to resolve any outstanding issues so everyone is

in the loop and happy with proposals so works can continue.

I will suggest a meeting straight away, thanks

Regards

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Re: ERC cabinet astonishingly approve the give away Â£1.71 million of residents cash

Posted by RM64 - 26 Mar 2021 16:17

From: ERC

Sent: 02 November 2020 12:28

To: ERC; Heron Bros; Blythe & Blythe; Gardiner

Cc: Heron Bros; Blythe & Blythe; Gardiner

Subject: RE: ERC2020 - Drainage Offset - SEPA / Maintenance

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Hi â€|â€|â€|.

Road Service reps and reps from SW attending meeting with B&B on 14th Oct and we advised that we would do what we could to expediate permissions for the proposed work but that would require further info from B&B regarding the proposals â€“ none of those details have been forthcoming and until we have all of these details no permissions can be given â€“ I appreciate your email gives some of the info being requested and I will pass this on to the officers dealing with this to check what info is still outstanding.

One of the main concerns raised by SW was that any works should not have an adverse effect on the existing issue of sewer flooding already being experienced by some of the properties in Cheapside st and they wanted to see details of your proposals in that respect (the concern being that if the existing gully outfalls to the sewer were to be capped then it could result in more significant surcharging of the sewer manhole at the rear of the properties in Cheapside St and consequently lead to further flooding) â€“ can you confirm that the details of the propsals have been passed to George Rattrays team at SW

and that they are happy with your plans ?

We would also need to know agreements were in place from NS for both the construction works and for ongoing mtc of the outfall pipe through the park.

Happy to meet with yourself and B&B but no permissions for this work can be given until we have all the info requested at the meeting on 14th Oct along with the necessary agreements from SEPA and SW as was also discussed at that meeting.

Roads & Transportation Controller

East Renfrewshire Council

Unit 2, Spiersbridge Business Park,

Thornliebank

G46 8NG

From: Heron Bross

Sent: 02 November 2020 22:07

To:ERC

Cc: ERC; Blythe & Blythe; Gardiner

Subject: RE: ERC2020 - Drainage Offset - SEPA / Maintenance

ERC

I confirmed the information I could on 14th October via but some items was to confirm, below I have tried to summarise each of the points I think is looking for-

Ownership

- ERC Legal Confirmed

Crookfur Broom Burn- Council owned amenity land.

Eaglesham â€˜Orryâ€™™ & Playing Field- Council owned, managed by Neighbourhood services

Construction Details and Proposed Routes

- B&B Confirmed Eaglesham and Busby proposed drawings and construction details attached.
(EAG-95-0022, CRO-95-0022 & 95-0023)

SEPA- B&B Confirmed

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Maintenance Timing- ERC Confirmed

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Flooding to properties at Cheapside Street

- Discussed at meeting on 14th October

There is an understanding that Cheapside street has experienced some flooding when the existing combined sewer exceeds its capacity and Scottish Water are working on a solution.

Everyone agreed that the removal of storm water from the combined sewer on Cheapside street could only help prevent pressure on the existing combined sewer i.e. during heavy rainfall the rain water falling on Cheapside street would be divert to Eaglesham burn through the new road gullies and not enter the combined sewer.

There was also an understanding that this may not be the solution but would help.

Scottish Water advised they would continue to look for a solution to the flooding issue and mentioned perhaps taking infrastructure from the existing school to a different combined sewer that runs via Eglington Drive and The Byre.

There was also a thought that during extremely heavy rainfall when the combined sewer is at capacity the homeowner believed the sewer backed up and exited via the road gullies before backing up within their property.

For this reason, for safety, we advised we would leave the three existing gullies at the bottom of Cheapside street as found and place our three new road gullies west of these gullies, therefore only catching the storm water and allowing the backing up of the existing gullies to take place to prevent an issue for the resident.

Once Scottish Water fix the flooding issue we can then look to blank these gullies off if required.

Purpose of the Works

Scottish Water have requested that any new developments storm water goes directly to a water

course.Â

If there is no water course in the area or existing mainline storm water drainage that goes directly to a water course, Scottish Water will allow a connection to the combined sewer, but they will only authorise this connection if you offset the storm water that goes in.Â

This can be done somewhere else within the sewer network.Â Â Â Â

Scottish Water have approved these offsets after circa 24+ months of co-ordination works and we need to complete these works before the 16th November at Crookfur and 4th December at Eaglesham. Â Â

Without these works concluding ERC wonâ€™t be able to open the five early years buildings. Â Â

We can further discuss/review at tomorrowâ€™s meeting.

Heron Bros

From:ERC

Sent: 02 November 2020 22:41

To: ERC

Subject: Early years Drainage Offset - Eaglesham nursery

Hi

As you know we have had difficulty agreeing a surface water drainage scheme with Scottish Water at

Overlee and across all of our sites.

The Engineer has agreed an offset solution with SW taking a 150mm diameter surface water drain to nearest watercourse and it is thought this solution may also help a current flooding problem Scottish Water are having nearby.

Scottish Water may carry out further flood prevention works in the future.

The attached plan shows the route agreed with Scottish water keeping drain to the edge of grassed parkland area next to pavilion.

We confirm the grassed area will be made good on completion and confirm first years maintenance will be covered under contract by Education.

Thereafter may want your team to take over maintenance but that can be agreed in due course between yourselves.

The most pressing task just now is to proceed with these works at the bequest of Scottish Water and to get the Eaglesham nursery open.

If you have any concerns over this proposal I would be grateful if you could let me know at your earliest convenience.

Thanks

Regards

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Posted by RM64 - 26 Mar 2021 16:22

Eaglesham primary School - Proposed Foul Drainage Alterations

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