

**MINUTES of MEETING of CHORD PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT BOARD held in the
LEADER'S OFFICE, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on FRIDAY, 20 AUGUST 2010**

Present: Councillor Dick Walsh (Chair)

Councillor Robert Macintyre
Sally Loudon, Chief Executive
Bruce West, Head of Strategic Finance

Attending: Robert Pollock, Head of Economic Development and Strategic
Transportation (CHORD Programme SRO)
Nicola Debnam, CHORD Programme Manager

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were intimated from Douglas Hendry, Executive Director – Customer Services and Sandy Mactaggart, Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the CHORD Programme Management Board meeting held on 5 August 2010 were approved as a correct record.

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public for the following item of business on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in 6, 8 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

4. ASSESSMENT OF OBAN BAY MARINE REVISED PROPOSAL

The CHORD Programme Management Board resumed consideration of the findings of the assessment, carried out by the Council's Consultants, of the revised proposal received from Oban Bay Marine following the decision of the Programme Management Board on 6 January 2010 and the subsequent recommendation received from Oban CHORD Project Board following their meeting held on 19 August 2010.

Decision

The CHORD Programme Management Board unanimously endorsed the decision of the Oban CHORD Project Board and agreed that:-

1. Having regard to the advice received by the Council's consultants, with particular reference to capital and revenue funding, the project

should not proceed any further; and

2. The remaining project options referred to in the Outline Business Case and Project Initiation Document are now explored to utilise the CHORD funding allocation of £900k with a report regarding project options being presented to the Oban CHORD Project Board no later than November 2010.

(Reference: Report by Head of Economic Development and Strategic Transportation, submitted)