

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4 MAY 2011 AT 1000 HOURS
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Douglas Reid, John MacKay, Robert Keohone, Jim Buchanan, Drew McIntyre, Hugh Ross, Robert McDill, Jim Roberts and Kathy Morrice; and Church Representative Iain Rennie; Parent Representative David Fraser; and Teacher Representative Bryce Wilson.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Chief Executive; Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services; Alex McPhee, Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support; Graham Short, Executive Director of Educational and Social Services; Martin Rose, Head of Human Resources; David Mitchell, Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services; John Griffiths, Head of Leisure; Kay Gilmour, Head of Service: Community Support; and Gillian Hamilton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Iain Linton, Maureen McKay, Jim Todd, Barney Menzies and Church Representative Maria Dorian.

CHAIR: Councillor Douglas Reid, Leader of the Council.

PROMOTING LIFELONG LEARNING

**CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE DEVELOPMENT PLAN (3-18) FOR
EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS**

- 1E.** There was submitted a report dated 10 February 2011 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for the implementation of a Development Plan for Curriculum for Excellence for 2011-2015.

There was also submitted Appendix 2 (circulated at the meeting) which had been omitted from the report.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Curriculum for Excellence Development Plan for the period 2011-2015;
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services provide Cabinet with annual updates on progress against each of the seven planned priorities in the Development Plan, through the "Priorities for Raising Attainment Report";
- (iii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services distribute the Development Plan to all staff working in Educational Services; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**THE EAST AYRSHIRE MORE CHOICES MORE CHANCES (MC:MC) STRATEGY
2011-2013**

2E. There was submitted a report dated 27 January 2011 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which provided an update on the outcomes of the More Choices: More Chances (MC:MC) Strategy in session 2010-2011 and sought approval for a revision to the Strategy (2011-2013) following review of the replacement to the Fairer Scotland Fund.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to note the work of the MC:MC Strategic Partnership in 2010-2011 which achieved:
 - improvements in school leaver destinations;
 - a reduction in the number of young people in the 16-19 year old MC:MC Group;
 - an increase in the number of young people participating in vocational education in partnership with colleges; and
 - improvements in the attainment and destinations of looked after children;
- (ii) to approve the proposed use of the revised MC:MC budget to continue to meet the outcome of reducing the number of young people in the More Choices: More Chances category;
- (iii) to approve the use of funding proposed by the Scottish Government for a 16+ Learning Choices Co-ordinator;
- (iv) to note the reduction in numbers of courses available from Kilmarnock College for school age pupils;
- (v) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services provide a detailed update report on progress in achieving the outcomes set out in the MC:MC/16+ Strategy on an annual basis to Cabinet and the Governance and Scrutiny Committee; and
- (vi) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2011/2013

3E. There was submitted a report dated 29 March 2011 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which provided an update on the consultation exercise carried out in relation to school holiday arrangements for session 2012/2013 and sought approval to implement the preferred school holiday option.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the school holiday arrangements for session 2012/2013 contained in Appendix 2 to the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

FLOWERBANK NURSERY AND FAMILY CENTRE - STATUTORY CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

- 4E.** There was submitted a report dated 15 April 2011 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval to issue a statutory consultation document for public consultation on the future of educational and care provision for children on the current site of Flowerbank Nursery and Family Centre.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposal document annexed to the report for consultation;
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services issue the proposal document for statutory consultation in accordance with statutory requirements;
- (iii) that the statutory consultation document be issued ahead of any consideration by Governance and Scrutiny Committee due to the timescale required for the statutory consultation period and potential subsequent timescale for the tender process thereafter, notwithstanding the outcome of the statutory consultation; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Church Representative Iain Rennie, Parent Representative David Fraser and Teacher Representative Bryce Wilson left the meeting at this point.

DELIVERING COMMUNITY REGENERATION

AUDIT OF ANNUAL AND RECURRING EVENTS IN EAST AYRSHIRE

- 5.** There was submitted a report dated 18 April 2011 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on the outcome of an audit of annual and recurring events held throughout East Ayrshire.

Cabinet also noted details of a forthcoming event to commemorate the battle of Loudoun Hill.

Councillor Drew McIntyre, seconded by Councillor Robert Keohone, moved that Cabinet note the completed audit of annual and recurring events in East Ayrshire and otherwise note the report.

Councillor Douglas Reid, seconded by Councillor Jim Buchanan, moved as an amendment that Cabinet:-

- (i) note the completed audit of annual and recurring events in East Ayrshire;
- (ii) agree that the opportunities presented in Section 5 of the report be developed;
- (iii) agree that Cabinet be provided with an update on progress early in 2012; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

On a division by a show of hands, the amendment was carried by 7 votes to 2.

IMPROVING COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLBEING

FOOD SAFETY ENFORCEMENT POLICY

6. There was submitted a report dated 7 April 2011 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support which advised on the Food Safety Enforcement Policy, the purpose of which was to establish a fair and consistent level of enforcement action when authorised Officers were undertaking inspections and other food safety interventions.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Food Safety Enforcement Policy appended to the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillors Robert Keohone and Drew McIntyre left the meeting at this point.

IMPROVING COMMUNITY SAFETY

CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF POLICING IN SCOTLAND

7. There was submitted a report dated 27 April 2011 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which set out the key principles of the consultation issued by the Scottish Government on the Future of Policing in Scotland and sought approval of the Council's proposed response to the consultation.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to note the key principles set out in the consultation issued by the Scottish Government on the Future of Policing in Scotland;
- (ii) to approve the proposed response to the consultation appended to the report;
- (iii) that the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services submit the final response to the Scottish Government by the due date of 5 May 2011;
- (iv) given the timescales involved, that this matter be excluded from the call-in procedure, in accordance with the Council's Scheme of Delegation; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES IN SCOTLAND

8. There was submitted a report dated 27 April 2011 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which set out the key principles of the consultation issued by the Scottish Government on the Future of the Fire and Rescue Service in Scotland and sought approval of the Council's proposed response to the consultation.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to note the key principles set out in the consultation issued by the Scottish Government on the Future of the Fire and Rescue Service in Scotland;
- (ii) to approve the proposed response to the consultation appended to the report;

- (iii) that the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services submit the final response to the Scottish Government by the due date of 5 May 2011;
- (iv) given the timescales involved, that this matter be excluded from the call-in procedure, in accordance with the Council's Scheme of Delegation; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

STRATEGIC PLANNING, MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES AND EQUALITIES

CENTRAL JCC MINUTE OF 24 MARCH 2011

9. There was submitted for information, Minutes of the meeting of the Central JCC held on 24 March 2011 (circulated).

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) that the Chief Executive write on their behalf to the former full-time Trade Union Convenor paying tribute to his work with the Council; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the Minutes.

Councillor Jim Roberts left the meeting at this point.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

10. Cabinet resolved "That under 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 Paragraph 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act".

SEVERANCES

11. There was submitted a report dated 18 April 2011 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support which sought approval of severance arrangements relating to one employee in the Department of Educational and Social Services and two employees in the Department of Neighbourhood Services.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the voluntary severance arrangements detailed in the Appendix to the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1056 hours.