

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**CABINET****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH 2008 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Douglas Reid, Iain Linton, John MacKay, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson, Jim Roberts and Kathy Morrice.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Chief Executive; Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support; Bill Stafford, Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services; Graham Short, Executive Director of Educational and Social Services; David Mitchell, Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services; Robin Baker, Financial Controller; Paul Todd, Principal Officer, Environmental Health and Licensing; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Jim Buchanan, Hugh Ross and Jim Todd.

CHAIR: Councillor Douglas Reid, Chair.

COMMUNITY WELLBEING**FAIRER SCOTLAND FUND**

1. There was submitted a report dated 27 February 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised of the creation, by the Scottish Government, of the Fairer Scotland Fund designed to tackle poverty and deprivation across Scotland.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to note the creation of the new Fairer Scotland Fund;
- (ii) that the Community Planning and Partnership Unit would assume responsibility for the day to day management and monitoring of the Fairer Scotland Fund; and
- (iii) to receive reports detailing the criteria for the fund, its financial terms and conditions and on the recommendations arising from the review process and proposals for the future distribution of the Fairer Scotland Fund.

ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION**CONTAMINATED LAND STRATEGY: REVIEW AND UPDATE
(Item 12, Page 1682, 03/07)**

2. There was submitted a report dated 21 February 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised of a review of the Contaminated Land Strategy and provided an update on the implementation of the Strategy.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the updated and amended Contaminated Land Strategy; and

- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

OPTIONS FOR SEAGULL CONTROL

3. There was submitted a report dated 7 February 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised of the problems associated with seagulls within East Ayrshire and which sought consideration of possible options for the control of the seagull population.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) in principle, to an enhanced approach to the gull problem and various control measures as detailed within the report;
- (ii) to remit to the Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services to implement the measures as outlined in paragraph 5.1 of the report;
- (iii) to remit to the Head of Planning and Economic Development to further consider the possible adoption of a policy requiring all new builds to have adequate bird proofing measures as a standard condition attached to planning consents and to bring back a report, thereon, to a future meeting of the Cabinet, for their consideration;
- (iv) to the proposed maximum level of expenditure as indicated against each measure in the table in paragraph 5.1 and to approve the proposed funding arrangements as set out in paragraph 7.3 of the report; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES

TERMINATION OF ABC JOINT COMMITTEE ARRANGEMENT

4. There was submitted a report dated 27 February 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which (i) advised of the technical issues around the timescale to terminate the current Authorities Buying Consortium (ABC) Joint Committee Arrangement; and (ii) sought approval to terminate the current ABC Joint Committee Arrangement.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to terminate the current ABC Arrangement by ensuring representation at the ABC Joint Committee Meeting of 14 March 2008;
- (ii) to note that such termination did not bind the Council to membership of Scotland Excel and that a report on the matter would be brought to the next appropriate meeting of Cabinet for consideration; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

5. 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".

REQUESTS FOR VOLUNTARY SEVERANCE

6. There was submitted a report dated 22 February 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which sought approval of requests for early retirement received from an employee within the Personnel Services Section of the Department of Corporate Support and an employee within the Housing Section of the Department of Neighbourhood Services.

Cabinet agreed to approve the early retirement applications as detailed within the report.

The meeting terminated at 1036 hours.