

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **CABINET**

#### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2008 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Iain Linton, Jim Buchanan, Hugh Ross, Jim Todd, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson and Jim Roberts; and Church Representative: John McHugh; and Parent Representative: David Fraser.

**ATTENDING:** Fiona Lees, Chief Executive; Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support; Graham, Short, Executive Director of Educational and Social Services; Alex McPhee, Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management; Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services; David Mitchell, Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services; John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services; Kenneth McKinlay, Acting Head of Schools; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Douglas Reid, John MacKay and Kathy Morrice; and Bill McGregor and Dr Ivy Barclay, Church Representatives; and Iain Harvey, Teacher Representative.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Iain Linton, Vice-Chair.

### **LIFELONG LEARNING**

#### **PRIORITY TO IMPROVEMENT SERVICE PLAN 2007-08**

- 1E.** There was submitted a report dated 16 January 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the strategic priorities for Educational Services set out in the Service Improvement Plan 2007-08 within the context of Priority to Improvement 2007-10.

The Cabinet, having noted the typographical errors in the report at paragraph 2.1 "objections" replaced with "objectives" and paragraph 3.5 "wealth" replaced with "health", agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Service Improvement Plan objectives for 2007-08;
- (ii) to invite the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to report on progress in due course; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

John McHugh, Church Representative and David Fraser, Parent Representative left the meeting at this point.

### **MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES**

#### **APPROVAL OF CONTRACTOR TO CARRY OUT MOSAIC RESTORATION WORKS AT THE DICK INSTITUTE**

- 2.** There was submitted a report dated 23 January 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought approval to appoint The Mosaic

Restoration Company Limited to carry out the mosaic restoration at the Dick Institute.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to remit to the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to negotiate an appropriate contract for the restoration of the mosaic at the Dick Institute with The Mosaic Restoration Company Limited, all in terms of the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts Paragraph 20(1); and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **REVISION TO TRAINEE ACCOUNTANT SCHEME**

3. There was submitted a joint report dated 18 January 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support and the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management which sought approval of a revised Graduate Trainee Accountant Scheme, which had been updated to incorporate the changes to the pay and grading structure of the Council, as well as aligning its conditions with other professional training plans across the Council.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the revised Graduate Trainee Accountant Scheme subject to consultation with the Trade Unions;
- (ii) that Best Practice accreditation be sought from CIPFA; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **DISABLEDGO - APPROVAL OF CONTRACTOR FOR THE CREATION OF A WEB BASED ACCESS GUIDE**

4. There was submitted a report dated 6 February 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which sought approval to appoint Disabledgo to provide the Council and Community Planning Partners with a dedicated web based Access Guide which would provide information on accessibility for disabled people for a range of commercial and other premises.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to remit to the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services/Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to negotiate an appropriate contract with Disabledgo as the trading name of Disabled Enabled Ltd for the production of a web based access guide primarily for the benefit of disabled people, all in terms of the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts Paragraph 20(1); and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

## **ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION**

### **SCOTTISH WATER: NETWORK MODEL SCENARIO PROPOSAL**

5. There was submitted a report dated 8 January 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which informed of a Network

Model Scenario Proposal for Kilmarnock put forward by Scottish Water and which sought approval for the Council to part fund this proposal together with the developers of the five major greenfield sites in Kilmarnock as identified in the Finalised Draft of the Alteration to the East Ayrshire Local Plan.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report;
- (ii) that the Council proceeds with the proposal; and
- (iii) that the Council makes a financial contribution towards the total cost of the proposal equal to one sixth of its total cost and that the five main developers fund the remainder of the work; and
- (iv) that notwithstanding the Council's support for the proposal, the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support write to Scottish Water reminding the organisation of its overall responsibility to provide adequate infrastructure to support new development within East Ayrshire.

The meeting terminated at 1027 hours.