

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****CABINET****MINUTES OF MEETING OF CABINET HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9 JANUARY 2008  
AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,  
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Douglas Reid, Iain Linton, John MacKay, Jim Buchanan, Hugh Ross, Jim Todd, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson and Jim Roberts.

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

**APOLOGY:** Councillor Kathy Morrice.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Douglas Reid, Chair.

**COMMUNITY WELLBEING****LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE: WE CAN AND MUST DO  
BETTER: AWARD OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING**

1. There was submitted a report dated 20 November 2007 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for the use of additional funding received in support of looked after children and young people.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the approach to corporate parenting within East Ayrshire as detailed within the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**MATCH FUND BUDGET**

2. There was submitted a report dated 3 January 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which recommended awards from the financial year 2007/2008 Match Fund Budget in respect of the following applications:-

- (i) Visions Leisure Centre, Cumnock - contribution to the extension of the Centre; and
- (ii) Newmilns Snow and Sports Complex - revenue funding assistance in support of technical assessments of the proposed extension to the facility.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve an award of £20,000 to Visions Leisure Centre, Cumnock;

- (ii) to approve an award of £10,000 to Newmilns Snow and Sports Complex; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

## **ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION**

### **HEMCOMING SCOTLAND 2009**

3. There was submitted a joint report dated 3 January 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised of the current position regarding the Homecoming Scotland 2009 Initiative and proposed East Ayrshire Council events to support the Initiative and bring visitors to East Ayrshire.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to note the local events being planned for Homecoming Scotland 2009 and the funding guidance;
- (ii) to approve the proposal to organise two major exhibitions around the twin pillars of Burns and Innovation at the Dick Institute and Town Twinning activities as detailed within the report, subject to funding being available;
- (iii) to approve expenditure of £45,000 from the General Services balances for the financial year 2008/2009 to cover the cost of these events;
- (iv) to request that the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services provide further progress reports to Cabinet on the Homecoming Scotland 2009 particularly with regard to detailing the leadership/co-ordinating role that the Council would play in support of local group initiatives; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

## **LIFELONG LEARNING**

### **ARTS AND MUSEUMS ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL POLICY (Item 6, Page 2405, 03/07)**

4. There was submitted a report dated 3 January 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought ratification of the Council's updated Arts and Museums Acquisition and Disposal Policy.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to ratify the updated Arts and Museums Acquisition and Disposal Policy;
- (ii) to note the provisional Accredited Status awarded to the Council's museums;
- (iii) to note very positive programme of events and exhibitions secured for 2008/09; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

## **MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES**

### **CENTRAL JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

5. There were submitted Minutes of meeting held on 6 December 2007 (circulated).

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to support, in principle, the concept of introducing a Freedom of East Ayrshire Award;
- (ii) that the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support submit a report to a future meeting of Cabinet on the process for introducing such an award; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the Minutes.

#### **CENTRALISATION OF CCTV AND ALARM RECEIVING SERVICES**

6. There was submitted a report dated 3 January 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management which sought approval for additional funding for Centralisation of CCTV and Alarm Receiving Services.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve an allocation of £0.097M from the Capital Programme Contingency budget in respect of the Centralisation of CCTV and Alarm Receiving Services; and
- (ii) to note the utilisation of £0.140M from the Corporate Office Accommodation budget for the relocation of the Community Alarm Team and Community Alarms from Ross Court to the CCTV Monitoring Station and Risk Management Centre and fit out of the upper floor of the CCTV Monitoring Station Risk Management Centre to provide offices and meeting rooms.

The meeting terminated at 1039 hours.