

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****CABINET****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER 2011 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Iain Linton, John MacKay, Maureen McKay, Jim Buchanan, Hugh Ross, Jim Todd, Robert McDill, Barney Menzies and Kathy Morrice; Church Representatives Maria Dorrian and Ian Rennie.

**ATTENDING:** Graham Short, Executive Director of Educational and Social Services; Alex McPhee, Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support; Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services; Martin Rose, Head of Human Resources; David Mitchell, Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services; John Bryson, Head of Roads and Transportation; Euan Couperwhite, Head of Service: Resources; and Christine Baillie, Senior Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Douglas Reid, Teacher Representative Bryce Wilson and Parent Representative David Fraser.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Iain Linton, Depute Leader of the Council.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

1. The Chair advised Cabinet that Ian Rennie, Church Representative would be visiting Uganda next week to work on a project with school children and further advised that the Provost had provided a certificate for Ian to take to present to the children. Cabinet wished Ian well with his trip.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING, MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES AND EQUALITIES****SCHOOLS PPP PROJECT - DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE VARIATIONS**

- 2E. There was submitted a report dated 2 September 2011 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval to recommend to Council the amendment of the Scheme of Delegation to enable the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to negotiate variations on Contractual Deductions applicable through the Payment Mechanism in the Building Learning Communities PPP Schools Contract.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to recommend to Council the amendment of the Scheme of Delegation to enable the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to negotiate variations to Contractual Deductions up to a level of 1.5% of the Monthly Unitary Charge of the PPP Contract;
- (ii) to note that any such negotiation would be recorded in the Monthly Deductions Spreadsheet for the period and outcome would be reported annually to members in the Finance Outturn Report and also in the regular East Ayrshire Performs report; and

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

**ROYAL JUBILEE HOLIDAY (Item 5E, Page 1527, 07/12)**

- 3E.** There was submitted a report dated 26 September 2011 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support which recommended arrangements to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations on Tuesday 5 June 2012 by designating that day as an additional holiday for all Council employees.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) that Tuesday 5 June 2012 be designated as an additional holiday for all Council employees and that any employee required to work on that day be granted a day off in lieu at a later date; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Jim Buchanan joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

Church Representatives Ian Rennie and Maria Dorrian left the meeting at this point.

**NEGOTIATED CONTRACT FOR FOOTWAY GRITTING  
(Item 5, Pages 1398, 1399, 07/12)**

- 4.** There was submitted a report dated 5 October 2011 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought approval to enter into negotiations with Peacock Salt Ltd, North Harbour Street, Ayr to treat Priority 1 footways in Kilmarnock with the use of mechanised footway liquid de-icing sprayers with an improved de-icing material.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to authorise the Head of Roads and Transportation to enter into negotiations with Peacock Salt Ltd, North Harbour Street, Ayr to carry out salting treatment of Priority 1 footways within Kilmarnock; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**IMPROVING COMMUNITY SAFETY**

**SPEED LIMIT REVIEW**

- 5.** There was submitted a report dated 5 October 2011 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services (i) which informed Cabinet of the outcome of a review of speed limits on "A" and "B" class roads within East Ayrshire; and (ii) which sought agreement for the Head of Roads and Transportation to begin the statutory process to promote the Orders needed to revise the speed limits listed in Table 1.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to remit to the Head of Roads and Transportation to begin the statutory process to promote Traffic Regulation Orders to revise the speed limits listed in Table 1 of the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Maureen McKay joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

**PROPOSED 30MPH SPEED LIMIT EXTENSION - B730 LITTLEMILL ROAD, DRONGAN**

6. There was submitted a report dated 5 October 2011 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought approval for an extension to the existing 30mph speed limit on the B730 Littlemill Road, Drongan.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposal to extend the existing 30mph speed limit on the B730 Littlemill Road, Drongan as shown in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillors Maureen McKay and Barney Menzies left the meeting at this point.

**EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

7. 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".

**STRATEGIC PLANNING, MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES AND EQUALITIES**

**UPDATE ON THE COUNCIL'S REDUNDANCY PAYMENT SCHEME**

8. There was submitted a report dated 29 September 2011 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support which advised of the number of employees who had left the Council's service under the Council's Redundancy Payment Scheme via the Head of Human Resources' delegated authority.

Cabinet agreed to note the number of employees who had left the Council's service on the grounds of redundancy in terms of the Head of Human Resources' delegated authority as detailed in Appendix A to the report.

The meeting terminated at 1024 hours.