

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2011 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Douglas Reid, Iain Linton, John MacKay, Maureen McKay, Robert Keohone, Hugh Ross, Jim Todd, Robert McDill and Kathy Morrice.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Chief Executive; Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services; Alex McPhee, Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support; Craig McArthur, Head of Finance; David Mitchell, Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services; John Bryson, Head of Roads and Transportation; and Gillian Hamilton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Jim Buchanan, Jim Roberts and Barney Menzies.

CHAIR: Councillor Douglas Reid, Leader of the Council.

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ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2010/11

1. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support which provided a summary of the Treasury activity for the financial year ended 31 March 2011, along with an update on Treasury activity and performance against the agreed strategy in 2011/12.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to note that the report would be passed to the Governance and Scrutiny Committee for their consideration; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

SKILLS TRAINING AND EMPLOYABILITY SERVICE - PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF EAST AYRSHIRE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

2. There was submitted a report dated 1 September 2011 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought approval to negotiate with, and thereafter appoint, East Ayrshire Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) for the provision of a Money Advice Service to support the European Social Fund (ESF) Priority 5 (P5) participants in terms of the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts.

Councillor Douglas Reid seconded by Councillor Iain Linton moved that Cabinet:-

- (i) approve the negotiation of appropriate contractual terms relative to the provision of a Money Advice Service with East Ayrshire CAB in terms of Paragraph 20(1) of the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts;
- (ii) approve the inclusion of the provision of the service in the Service Level Agreement between the Council and the CAB with a maximum expenditure of £60,000; and

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

Councillor Maureen McKay, seconded by Councillor Robert Keohone moved as an amendment:-

- (i) that Cabinet approve the negotiation of appropriate contractual terms relative to the provision of a Money Advice Service with East Ayrshire CAB in terms of Paragraph 20(1) of the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts;
- (ii) that Cabinet approve the inclusion of the provision of the service in the Service Legal Agreement between the Council and the CAB with a maximum expenditure of £60,000;
- (iii) that quarterly reports be submitted to the Governance and Scrutiny Committee providing updates on the operation of the service; and
- (iv) that Cabinet otherwise note the contents of the report.

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

Councillors Maureen McKay and Robert Keohone left the meeting at this point.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

3. 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 items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act".

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POLICY, PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE DIVISION

4. There was submitted a report dated 7 September 2011 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which proposed a consolidated approach to Planning, Policy and Performance across the Council designed to further improve the Council's approach to these matters whilst reducing costs.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to recommend the proposed structural changes detailed in the report to the Council;
- (ii) to approve the recruitment arrangements described in Section 5 of the report;
- (iii) to approve the exceptions to the Cabinet approved guiding principles; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

REVIEW OF MANAGEMENT STRUCTURES - ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

5. There was submitted a report dated 25 August 2011 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised on the outcome of the Review of Management Structures within the Roads and Transportation Service and made recommendations for the future management arrangements of this service.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposed structural changes to the Roads and Transportation Service outlined in the report and detailed in Appendix 3 of the report;
- (ii) to note the potential for further reconfiguration of management arrangements arising from a Roads and Transportation Shared Service as outlined in Section 5 of the report;
- (iii) to approve the exceptions to the guiding principles previously agreed by Cabinet detailed in Section 6 of the report;
- (iv) to approve the additions to and deletions from the establishment identified in Section 6 of the report;
- (v) to approve the financial implications in Section 10 of the report; and
- (vi) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1058 hours.