

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2011 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Douglas Reid, Iain Linton, John MacKay, Maureen McKay, Jim Buchanan, Hugh Ross, Jim Todd, Stuart Finlayson (as Substitute for Barney Menzies), Robert McDill, Jim Roberts and Kathy Morrice; Church Representative Ian Rennie; Teacher Representative Bryce Wilson; and Parent Representative David Fraser.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Chief Executive; 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 Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services; and Christine Baillie, Senior Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Barney Menzies and Church Representative Maria Dorrian.

CHAIR: Councillor Douglas Reid, Leader of the Council.

PROMOTING LIFELONG LEARNING

CHANGES TO THE NATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EVALUATION OF EDUCATIONAL PROVISION

- 1E.** There was submitted a report dated 29 August 2011 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of significant changes in the arrangements for the evaluation of educational provision that had taken place at national level and described how those changes would affect the inspection of educational establishments.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services would arrange to e-mail a copy of this report to all staff in schools;
- (ii) to note that the report would be considered by the Governance and Scrutiny Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Church Representative Ian Rennie, Teacher Representative Bryce Wilson and Parent Representative David Fraser left the meeting at this point.

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FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR BEST VALUE SERVICE REVIEW AND SELF ASSESSMENT (Item 5E, Page 1159, 07/12)

2. There was submitted a report dated 19 August 2011 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support which provided a position statement on Best Value Service Review and Self-assessment activity within the wider context of the Efficiency Strategy and which sought agreement of future arrangements for Best Value Service Review and Self-assessment activity to ensure that the Council's statutory requirements in relation to Best Value continued to be met and remained appropriate to respond to the challenging financial environment in which the Council was currently operating.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to note the final update position in respect of the 2007-2010 Best Value Service Review Programme as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (ii) to the proposed new approach to Best Value Service Review as outlined in Section 4 of the report;
- (iii) to note the final update position in respect of progress made against the remaining outstanding high level Improvement Action Plan points which had arisen from the last Council-wide Strategic Self-assessment of Performance as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report;
- (iv) to the proposed arrangements for the 2011/12 Council-wide Strategic Self-assessment of Performance as outlined in Section 6 of the report and noted following Cabinet's decision, if on approach to Alistair MacNish that he was not available to assist with the 2011/12 Assessment, that the Chief Executive, would, in consultation with the Chair, consider an alternative 'critical friend' appointment;
- (v) to the proposed new arrangements for EFQM assessments as outlined in Section 7 of the report;
- (vi) to note the contribution that those new arrangements would make to the Council's Efficiency Strategy and continuous improvement; and
- (vii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

CENTRAL JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

3.1 MINUTES OF MEETING

There were submitted and noted Minutes of meeting held on 1 September 2011 (circulated).

3.2 CENTRAL JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE - REVISED CONSTITUTION

There was submitted a report dated 22 September 2011 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support which sought Cabinet's approval of a revised Constitution for the Central Joint Consultative Committee.

Cabinet agreed to approve the revised Constitution for the Central Joint Consultative Committee as provided at Appendix 1 to the report.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

4. 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".

Councillors Maureen McKay and Stuart Finlayson left the meeting at this point.

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VOLUNTARY SEVERANCES

5. There was submitted a report dated 15 September 2011 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support which sought approval of requests for voluntary severance from two employees in the Finance Service of the Department of Finance and Corporate Support.

Cabinet agreed to approve the voluntary severance arrangements as detailed in Appendix A to the report.

The meeting terminated at 1037 hours.