

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**CABINET****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 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, Jim Roberts and Kathy Morrice; Church Representatives Bill McGregor, John McHugh and Dr Ivy Barclay; Teacher Representative Iain Harvey 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; William Stafford, Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services; Alex McPhee, Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management; Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services; Robin Gourlay, Head of Facilities Management; David Mitchell, Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services; John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services; Gwen Barker, Community Planning and Partnership Manager; Robert McCulloch, Outdoor Amenities Manager; Joe McLachlan, Corporate Accounting Manager; Julie Millar, Public Relations Officer; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

CHAIR: Councillor Douglas Reid, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair welcomed Julie Millar, newly appointed Public Relations Officer, to the meeting.

LIFELONG LEARNING**FINANCE AND SERVICE STRATEGY REPORT TO PERIOD 4 (27 JULY 2008)**

- 2E. There was submitted a report dated 27 August 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management which advised Members of the projected financial position for the year based on expenditure to 27 July 2008 (Period 4) and information provided by Executive Directors.

Having noted that page 44, paragraph 2 should refer to "Moorfield Industrial Estate" and not "Whitelees Wind Farm", Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to vire £0.500m from an anticipated favourable variance of £0.630 from the Finance and Asset Management revenue budget to be utilised within the Central Repairs Account to address essential building maintenance issues;
- (ii) to approve the drawdown of balances as undernoted:-
 - (a) the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to transfer £0.160m from uncommitted departmental balances for River Ayr Way and Roads projects;

- (b) the Executive Director of Corporate Support to transfer £0.060m from uncommitted departmental balances for marketing support and e-planning; and
 - (c) the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to utilise £0.457m from departmental balances in addition to the £0.975m drawdown already approved by Cabinet on 2 July 2008 to address Social Services pressures; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

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

MANAGEMENT OF SPORTS AND LEISURE FACILITIES AT GRANGE AND ST JOSEPH'S ACADEMIES

- 3E.** There was submitted a joint report dated 26 August 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised Cabinet of the management arrangements to be put in place for the leisure and sports facilities at the new Grange and St Joseph's Academies and which sought approval for an interim charging structure for community use of these facilities.

Having noted that the facilities would be named Grange Leisure Centre and St Joseph's Leisure Centre, Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the management proposals as detailed in Paragraph 3 of the report together with the prices as detailed below;

GRANGE	Full Hall	Half Hall	Badminton Court	Gym Hall	Community Hall	
Adult	£44.00	£22.00	£4.50	£14.00	<i>FER</i>	£35.00
Concession	£22.00	£11.00	£3.50	£7.00	<i>FER</i>	£35.00

ST. JOSEPHS	Full Hall	Half Hall	Badminton Court	Gym Hall	Community Hall	
Adult	£40.00	£20.00	£4.50	£14.00	<i>FER</i>	£35.00
Concession	£20.00	£10.00	£3.50	£7.00	<i>FER</i>	£35.00

- (ii) to remit to the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to report back on budget proposals for 2009/2010 in due course; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

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

Church Representatives Bill McGregor, John McHugh and Dr Ivy Barclay, Teacher Representative Iain Harvey and Parent Representative David Fraser left the meeting at this point.

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND EQUALITIES

COMMUNITY PLANNING ALCOHOL AND DRUGS PLEDGE AND NATIONAL CONSULTATION IN SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT'S ALCOHOL STRATEGY

4. There was submitted a report dated 26 August 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support updating Cabinet on progress in relation to the Community Planning alcohol and drugs pledge and which sought endorsement of the submission to the Scottish Government on the national consultation on Changing Scotland's Relationship with Alcohol.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to note the work being carried out as part of the Community Planning Pledge;
- (ii) to note that £250,000 had been allocated to East Ayrshire Council from Ayrshire and Arran Health Board to help combat alcohol misuse;
- (iii) to endorse the draft Council response to the consultation on the Alcohol Strategy - Changing Council's Relationship with Alcohol, for submission to the Scottish Government by 9 September 2008;
- (iv) that in recognition of discussion at the meeting, that the covering submission made with the Council's consultation response make clear that the Council was promoting a holistic approach of prevention and was not focusing on any one particular group within society;
- (v) to implement the above decisions prior to any consideration by the Governance and Scrutiny Committee under the call-in process on the grounds of urgency as a response was required by the Scottish Government by 9 September 2008; and
- (vi) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION

PARK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (Item 3, Page 239, 07/11)

5. There was submitted a report dated 26 August 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services updating Cabinet on the programme of improvements planned for Kay Park, Kilmarnock.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the priority programme of working in Kay Park as shown in paragraph 3 of the report;
- (ii) to recommend that Council give consideration to the appointment of four Elected Members to sit on the selection panel for the Public Art Programme; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

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STREETSCENE SERVICE PROGRESS REPORT

6. There was submitted a report dated 26 August 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services providing an update on progress on the Council's Streetscene Service which had been in operation since April 2007.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to note the positive progress made in Streetscene services since April 2007;
- (ii) to recognise the achievement of accreditation under the ISO 9002 Quality Award; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

MATCH FUND BID

7. There was submitted a report dated 25 August 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support recommending an award from the financial year 2008/09 Match Fund Budget in respect of Darvel Music Festival.

Cabinet agreed to approve an award of £10,000 to the 2008 Darvel Music Festival.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

8. 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 the relevant Paragraph of Schedule 7A of the Act as shown against each item.

ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION

UPDATE REPORT IN RESPECT OF PROPOSED EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL OFFICE ACCOMMODATION WITHIN KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE (PARA 9) (Item 2, Page 443, 07/11)

9. There was submitted a report dated 26 August 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management which provided an update on the current position relating to the proposed Strategic Assessment Management Plan; with specific reference to the Council's requirements for office accommodation following the recent decision to proceed with the "Top of the Town" office development in Kilmarnock.

Cabinet, having considered the initial findings of the options appraisal, agreed that the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management bring forward a report on the more detailed investigations of the Fowlds Street and Portland Street options identified in the report to the Cabinet Meeting on 17 September 2008.

MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY (PARA 1)

10. There was submitted a report dated 1 August 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for a teacher in the Educational and Social Services Department to leave the Council's service under the terms of Part 11, Section 5 of the 1997 Regulations on Teachers Redundancy.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the request from a teacher in the Educational and Social Services Department for voluntary redundancy under the terms of Part 11, Section 5 of the 1997 Regulations on Teachers Redundancy; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

SEVERANCE ARRANGEMENT (PARA 1) (Item 5E, Page 416, 07/11)

11. There was submitted a report dated 22 August 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which sought Cabinet approval of a severance arrangement for an employee within the Department of Educational and Social Services.

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

The meeting terminated at 1142 hours.