

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**CABINET****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1 OCTOBER 2008 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Douglas Reid, Iain Linton, John MacKay, Hugh Ross, 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; Kay Gilmour, Acting 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; Andrew Sutherland, Head of Schools; Katie Kelly, Leisure Development Officer and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Jim Buchanan, Jim Todd and Robert McDill.

CHAIR: Councillor Douglas Reid, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair advised that this would be Councillor Jackson's final Cabinet meeting following his decision to stand down from the Council. On behalf of the Cabinet the Chair thanked Councillor Jackson for the positive contribution he had made at all Cabinet meetings with particular reference to his expertise in Social Work and Community Wellbeing issues which had been very much appreciated.

LIFELONG LEARNING

**EAST AYRSHIRE CHILD PROTECTION BUSINESS PLAN REVIEW 2007-2008:
EAST AYRSHIRE CHILD PROTECTION BUSINESS PLAN 2008-11 AND
STATISTICAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC DATA AND ANALYSIS
(Item 3, Page 433, 07/11)**

- 2E. There was submitted a report dated 25 September 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which provided Cabinet with the (i) 2007/08 Review of the Annual Business Plan; (ii) East Ayrshire Child Protection Business Plan 2008/11; and (iii) Statistical and Demographic Data and Analysis and which sought approval accordingly.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the 2007-08 review of the Child Protection Committee Business Plan;
- (ii) to endorse the 2008-11 Business Plan subject to approval by the Chief Officers' Group;

- (iii) that the implications of this Business Plan be considered within established risk management arrangements;
- (iv) that in future when reports of this nature are submitted to Cabinet more detail be included regarding timescales; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

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 WELLBEING

THE MEND PROGRAMME

3. There was submitted a report dated 25 September 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which updated Members in relation to the implementation of the new initiative called The MEND Programme which focussed upon tackling the health inequalities of children who were above their ideal weight.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the roll out of further MEND Programmes within East Ayrshire; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

INTEGRATED SERVICE DELIVERY AND GOVERNANCE MODELLING PROJECT - TRADING STANDARDS SERVICES JOINT WARRANT OF AUTHORITY ACROSS AYRSHIRE

4. There was submitted a report dated 24 September 2008 (circulated) by the Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services which advised of progress in developing a joint warrant of authority to grant powers to Trading Standards Officers from the three Ayrshire authorities to enforce Trading Standards legislation with their partner authorities in accordance with an agreed protocol/memorandum of understanding and which sought Cabinet policy approval for such an agreement.

Cabinet agreed to approve the proposed joint authorisation agreement for Trading Standards Enforcement Officers across the geographical area covered by the three Ayrshire authorities.

MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES

CENTRAL JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

5. There was submitted and noted Minutes of meeting held on 11 September 2008 (circulated).

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

6. 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".

REQUEST FOR EARLY RETIREMENT IN A REDUNDANCY SITUATION

7. There was submitted a report dated 17 September 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 that a teacher in the Educational and Social Services Department retire early 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.

The meeting terminated 1025 hours.