

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**CABINET****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2008 AT 0900 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Douglas Reid, Iain Linton, John MacKay, Jim Buchanan, John Knapp, Hugh Ross, Jim Todd, Robert McDill, Jim Roberts and Kathy Morrice.

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; Martin Rose, Head of Human Resources; John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services; David Mitchell, Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services; John Bryson, Head of Roads and Transportation; Gwen Barker, Community Planning and Partnership Manager; Marlene Harkis, Senior Manager Community Care; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

CHAIR: Councillor Douglas Reid, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair welcomed to the meeting Margaret Anne Gilbert from the Social Work Inspection Agency.

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND EQUALITIES**EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING RESIDENTS' SURVEY 2008**

2. There was submitted a report dated 3 November 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which presented to Members the findings of the East Ayrshire Community Planning Residents' Survey 2008.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to note the findings of the East Ayrshire Community Planning Residents' Survey;
- (ii) to endorse the proposal for the distribution of the Residents' Survey data as detailed in paragraph 4.2 and 4.5 of the report; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor John Knapp joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

REVIEW OF THE RACE EQUALITY SCHEME 2005-2008 AND THE RACE EQUALITY SCHEME 2008-2011

3. There was submitted a report dated 19 November 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised Cabinet of

the review of the Council's Race Equality Scheme 2005-2008 and which submitted for approval the Race Equality Scheme 2008-2011.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to note the review of the Race Equality Scheme 2005-2008;
- (ii) to approve the draft Race Equality Scheme 2008-2011; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Robert McDill joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

COMMUNITY WELLBEING

THE ROLE OF THE CHIEF SOCIAL WORK OFFICER

4. There was submitted a report dated 23 October 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for a response to the Scottish Government Consultation on "Guidance on the Role of the Chief Social Work Officer".

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the response to the "Consultation on the Role of the Chief Social Work Officer"; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

"SHARING THE CHALLENGE" - EAST AYRSHIRE'S PARTNERSHIP IN PRACTICE AGREEMENT 2007-2010

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 10 November 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which updated Cabinet on the progress of the "Sharing the Challenge" Partnership in Practice Agreement 2007-2010, together with a copy of the 2007-2010 Partnership in Practice Agreement.

ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION

TRAFFIC CALMING PROPOSALS FOR MACFARLANE DRIVE, MACNAUGHTON DRIVE AND MACKELLAR PLACE, KILMARNOCK; BLANEY AVENUE AND CARNSHALLOCH AVENUE, PATNA (Item 3, Pages 392, 393, 07/11)

6. There was submitted a report dated 7 November 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services (a) which advised Cabinet of objections that had been received to the Road Humps Notices which had been promoted in respect of traffic calming proposals for MacFarlane Drive, MacNaughton Drive and MacKellar Place, Kilmarnock and Blaney Avenue and Carnshalloch Avenue, Patna; (b) which sought approval of Cabinet for the proposed traffic calming in MacFarlane Drive, MacNaughton Drive and MacKellar Place, Kilmarnock with the exception of the speed table proposed to be located on MacNaughton Drive approximately 30 metres south of MacDougall Drive; and (c) which sought approval of Cabinet for the proposed speed table to be located in Blaney Avenue, Patna approximately 73 metres south of Main Street.

Cabinet agreed, in relation to MacFarlane Drive, MacNaughton Drive and MacKellar Place, Kilmarnock, having considered the objections details in paragraph 4.4 of the report:-

- (i) not to hold a Local Inquiry in respect of the objections received for proposals described in paragraph 3.1 of the report;
- (ii) not to approve the road humps for MacNaughton Drive, Kilmarnock including the speed table at its junction with MacPhail Drive and to remit to the Head of Roads and Transportation to advise Strathclyde Police of the Cabinet's decision in respect of MacNaughton Drive; and
- (iii) to approve the road humps for MacFarlane Drive and MacKellar Place, Kilmarnock as advertised.

Cabinet agreed, in relation to Blaney Avenue and Carnshalloch Avenue, Patna having considered the objection detailed in paragraph 4.4 of the report:-

- (i) not to hold a Local Inquiry in respect of the objection received for proposals described in paragraph 3.2 of the report; and
- (ii) to approve the road humps for Blaney Avenue and Carnshalloch Avenue, Patna, as advertised.

PROPOSED ONE WAY SYSTEM - JOHN ALLAN DRIVE, CUMNOCK

7. There was submitted a report dated 7 November 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought approval for the introduction of a one way system in John Allan Drive, Cumnock.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the making of the Order for the introduction of a one way traffic system in John Allan Drive, Cumnock; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

MANDATORY 20MPH SPEED LIMIT ORDER FOR VARIOUS CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN RESIDENTIAL AREAS IN EAST AYRSHIRE

8. There was submitted a report dated 7 November 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought approval for the introduction of mandatory 20mph speed limits in various central and southern residential areas in East Ayrshire.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposal for 20mph speed limits on streets within East Ayrshire as detailed in paragraph 3.1 of the report, as advertised;
- (ii) to note that, following the decision under item 6, not to approve the traffic calming measures on MacNaughton Drive, Kilmarnock, the Head of Roads and Transportation would confirm Strathclyde Police's continued support in the absence of such traffic calming measures for the introduction of a 20mph speed limit on MacNaughton Drive, Kilmarnock; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF LAND AT MOTE TOLL, OCHILTREE

9.1 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Jim Roberts declared a non-financial interest in the undernoted item, in accordance with Paragraphs 5.17 and 5.18 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, and left the meeting

9.2 Consideration of Item

There was submitted a joint report dated 10 November 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management and the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought authority to acquire land at Mote Toll, Ochiltree, extending to 460 square metres, or thereby, as shown hatched on the plan attached to the report, by Compulsory Purchase if required, for the purpose of facilitating the improvement of the existing road junction.

Cabinet agreed that the land extending to 460 square metres or thereby, as shown hatched on the plan attached to the report be acquired by the use of Compulsory Purchase, if required.

Councillor Jim Roberts re-joined the meeting at this point.

HOMECOMING 2009: PROGRESS REPORT

- 10.** There was submitted a report dated 13 November 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised Cabinet on progress for preparations for Homecoming 2009 and which provided a progress report on this national initiative.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the programme of events included within the report;
- (ii) to note that as other events are confirmed they would be added to local publicity material;
- (iii) to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to invite the Provosts and Mayors of Councils in the South of Scotland, North of England and North of Ireland, as appropriate, to visit East Ayrshire during Homecoming year;
- (iv) that the Council's Homecoming events are formally launched at a press event to celebrate St Andrew's Day; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES

PUBLIC PERFORMANCE REPORTING - ANNUAL REVIEW (Item 5, Pages 220,221, 07/11)

- 11.** There was submitted a report dated 6 November 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management which advised Cabinet of the results of the first annual strategic review of Public Performance Reporting.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) that the next annual review be carried out in July/August 2009; and

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

REVIEW OF EFQM PATHWAY (Item 9, Pages 575, 576, 03/07)

- 12.** There was submitted a report dated 5 November 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management which advised Cabinet of the outcome of the annual review of the Council's programme of EFQM Assessments and the proposed development of Quality Scotland's EFQM Pathway software.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to note the excellent progress made in completing the 2007/08 programme of EFQM Assessments across the Council;
- (ii) the continued use of the Pathway software on an annual basis for the self-assessment of each of the Council's service units as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (iii) to explore the possibility of upgrading the scoring package within the Pathway software to allow deployment to be reflected in the scoring of Assessments;
- (iv) that the Performance, Development and Projects Manager seek nominations for key staff to undertake Accredited Assessor Training on the EFQM Model;
- (v) to involve Quality Scotland, initially in the Leisure Services 2008/09 EFQM Assessment, to externally validate and assess the Council's overall approach to self-assessment; and
- (vi) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

BUDGET 2009/10 - 2011/12 DRAFT TIMETABLE AND OUTLINE STRATEGY

- 13.** There was submitted a report dated 7 November 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management proposing the strategy for the preparation of the Council's next three year revenue budget for 2009/10 including public consultation arrangements.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the strategy, timetable and consultation arrangements as detailed in the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

- 14.** 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 11 of Schedule 7A of the Act".

REVIEW OF DEPARTMENTAL BALANCES (Item 11, Page 242, 07/11)

- 15.** There was submitted a report dated 5 November 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management which allowed Members to review departmental balances following the completion of the audit of the 2007/08 Statement of Accounts.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the re-allocation of funds to the General Fund as detailed in paragraph 3 of the report but that the full balances identified for Child Protection and Corporate Parenting as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report be retained within the Department of Educational and Social Services; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1025 hours.