

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2008 AT 1000 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; Alex McPhee, Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management; Tom Williams, Acting Head of Community Support; Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services; David Mitchell, Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services; John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services; Alan Neish, Head of Planning and Economic Development; John Bryson, Head of Roads and Transportation; Anneke Freel, Countryside Development Manager; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

CHAIR: Councillor Douglas Reid, Chair.

COMMUNITY WELLBEING

MEMBERSHIP - MEMBER/OFFICER WORKING GROUP ON CHILDRENS HOMES (Item 7, Page 509, 07/11)

1. The Chair reported, and it was noted, that the Elected Members nominated for the Member/Officer Working Group on Childrens Homes were Councillors John MacKay (Chair), John McGhee, Jim Todd and Provost Stephanie Young.

EAST AYRSHIRE WOMEN'S AID (Item 16, Page 528, 02/07)

2. There was submitted a report dated 9 October 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised Cabinet on the outcome of the annual review of East Ayrshire Women's Aid and which sought approval for future funding recommendations.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the development of a new Service Legal Agreement with East Ayrshire Women's Aid;
- (ii) to approve the recommendations for an annual award with inflationary uplift for 2008/09; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION

FINALISED CORE PATH PLAN (Item 1, Page 2620, 02/07)

3. There was submitted a report dated 20 October 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which updated Cabinet on work carried out so far in the development of the Core Path Plan, which sought approval to implement the amendments to the Draft Core Path Plan, to adopt the Finalised Core Path Plan

and to approve the proposals for publication of the Finalised version of the Core Path Plan and the wider path network.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the amendments to the Draft Core Path Plan;
- (ii) to approve the responses to the comments received to the Consultative Draft Environmental Report, which were contained in the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) statement;
- (iii) to adopt the Finalised Core Path Plan and Environmental Report;
- (iv) to approve the SEA statement and authorise the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to undertake the necessary advertisement requirements as specified in the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005;
- (v) to approve the recommendations for implementation of the East Ayrshire Core Path Plan; and
- (vi) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

DALDORCH FOOTBRIDGE, CATRINE

4. There was submitted a joint report dated 30 October 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support and the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought Cabinet approval to reallocate funds to enable the Council to proceed with the removal of the old footbridge and the construction of a new permanent replacement footbridge across the River Ayr at Daldorch, Catrine.

Cabinet having noted that the report should have stated that £60,000 had been proposed by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support from Corporate Support's Departmental General Fund Balances towards the cost of the project, agreed:-

- (i) to approve the two phased approach to this project, phase 1 the removal of the old footbridge and the construction of a new permanent footbridge at Daldorch, Catrine and phase 2 the upgrading of the Catrine to Sorn footpath to cyclepath; and
- (ii) to approve the re-allocation of £30,000 from the Roads and Transport Division's Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets budget for 2008/09 and £12,000 from the contingency budget within the Capital Programme to allow the removal of the old footbridge and construction of a new footbridge at Daldorch, Catrine to proceed this financial year.

MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES

NEGOTIATED PROCUREMENT FOR PURCHASING ELECTION SOFTWARE FOR CHECKING PERSONAL IDENTIFIERS FOR ABSENT VOTES IN FUTURE ELECTIONS

5. There was submitted a report dated 17 October 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which sought Cabinet

approval for the negotiated purchase of a software package to implement absent voting identifiers in Scotland.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the negotiation of the purchase of SelCheck Software System from Computershare Electoral Management Services Ltd in accordance with paragraph 20(1) of the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

NEGOTIATED PROCUREMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF E-COUNTING SERVICES AND POSTAL VOTING BALLOT PACKS IN RESPECT OF FORTHCOMING BY-ELECTION FOR WARD 7, BALLOCHMYLE

6. There was submitted a report dated 30 October 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which sought Cabinet approval for the negotiated provision of e-counting services and postal voting ballot packs in respect of the forthcoming By-Election for Ward 7, Ballochmyle.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the negotiation of the provision of the e-counting services from DRS Data Services Ltd and the provision of postal vote stationery from ERS: Electoral Reform Services in accordance with paragraph 20(1) of the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

ACCOUNTS COMMISSION FOR SCOTLAND CONSULTATION ON THE 2008 STATUTORY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS DIRECTION (FOR 2009/10 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS)

7. There was submitted a report dated 17 October 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management which sought approval of the Council's response to the Accounts Commission's consultation paper on the 2008 Direction for Statutory Performance Indicators (SPIs) that will be reported in 2009/2010.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the response to the 2008 Direction as contained in Appendix 2 of the report;
- (ii) to task Executive Directors with considering local performance indicators that would be appropriate to use within the terms of the Account Commission's guidance under the functional areas prescribed; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1023 hours.