

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**CABINET****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2010 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, Robert McDill, Jim Roberts, Barney Menzies and Kathy Morrice; Church Representatives Maria Dorrian and Ian Rennie; Parent Representative David Fraser; and Teacher Representative Bryce Wilson,

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Chief Executive; Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services; Graham Short, Executive Director of Educational and Social Services; Alex McPhee, Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support; Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services; Craig McArthur, Head of Finance; Martin Rose, Head of Human Resources; David Mitchell, Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services; Eddie Fraser, Head of Service: Community Care; Kay Gilmour, Head of Service: Community Support; Andrew Sutherland, Head of Service: Schools; and Christine Baillie, Senior Administrative Officer.

APOLOGY: Councillor Jim Todd.

CHAIR: Councillor Douglas Reid, Leader of the Council.

STRATEGIC PLANNING, MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES AND EQUALITIES**BUDGET CONSULTATION 2011/12**

- 1E.** There was submitted a report dated 24 November 2010 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support which sought approval of a draft General Services Revenue Budget for 2011/12 and a proposed Council House rent increase, to be issued for consultation to all interested parties.

Councillor Douglas Reid, seconded by Councillor Iain Linton, moved approval of the recommendations as detailed in the report, namely:-

- (i) to recommend to Council on 16 December 2010 that the conditions set out by the Scottish Government which required to be met to access the maximum amount of grant funding, be accepted and the Leader of the Council be authorised to confirm this to the Scottish Government by the due date of 21 December 2010;
- (ii) to recommend to Council on 16 December 2010 that the Police Board Members be mandated to approve a Police Board commitment to maintain the number of Police Officers at current levels;
- (iii) to remit to the Chief Executive to enter into discussions with NHS Ayrshire and Arran regarding the arrangements that required to be put in place to govern distribution of the Social Care Change Fund and noted that a further report would be presented to Cabinet in due course;

- (iv) to note the Management Actions set out in Appendix 1A to the report and agreed to receive further reports as appropriate;
- (v) to approve the proposals set out in Appendix 1B to the report as a basis for consultation;
- (vi) to approve the proposals in respect of the Housing Rent Increase as a basis for consultation;
- (vii) to note that feedback from the consultation process would be presented to Cabinet on 9 February 2011;
- (viii) that whilst the contents of the report were subject to call-in procedures in the normal way, the decisions recommended at (v) and (vi) above to issue the draft budget and rent increase for consultation not be subject to call-in procedures due to the urgency of the timescale; and
- (ix) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Maureen McKay, seconded by Councillor Barney Menzies, moved as an amendment to note the conditions set out by the Scottish Government that required to be met to access the maximum amount of grant funding and to note that the Leader of the Council required to confirm acceptance of the conditions to the Scottish Government by the due date of 21 December 2010.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 10 votes to 2.

Cabinet noted that 26b of Appendix 1b referred to Community Link Workers and that 52b of Appendix 1b was in respect of academic year 2011/12 only.

The non-Elected Members of Cabinet were invited to remain and participate in the undernoted item.

CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE FLOWERBANK NURSERY AND FAMILY CENTRE AND KILMARNOCK AREA DAY CENTRE

2. There was submitted a report dated 23 November 2010 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support which sought approval to proceed with proposals forming part of the Council's Capital Programme in respect of Flowerbank Nursery and Family Centre and the provision of an Adult Day Services Facility.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to remit to the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to provide a future report to Cabinet on the relocation of Flowerbank Nursery and Family Centre to the present Woodstock School site at the commencement of a statutory consultation exercise; and
- (ii) that detailed plans be developed and progressed to take the option of locating both Flowerbank Nursery School and Kilmarnock Area Day Centre at the Woodstock site to the next stage.

The meeting terminated at 1023 hours.