

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****CABINET****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2010 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Douglas Reid, John MacKay, Maureen McKay, Hugh Ross, Jim Todd, 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; Graham Short, Executive Director of Educational and Social Services; Alex McPhee, Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support; Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services; David Mitchell, Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services; Martin Rose, Head of Human Resources; John Bryson, Head of Roads and Transportation; Gwen Barker, Community Planning and Partnership Manager; and Christine Baillie, Senior Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Iain Linton and Jim Buchanan.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Douglas Reid, Leader of the Council

**EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

1. 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 Paragraph 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act".

**STRATEGIC PLANNING, MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES AND EQUALITIES****STRATEGIC REVIEW OF THE REVENUE BUDGET - STRAND 3: FAIRER SCOTLAND FUND REVIEW (Item 5E, Page 1159, 07/12)**

- 2E. There was submitted a report dated 27 October 2010 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support which provided an update to Cabinet on Strand 3 of the Council's Efficiency Strategy (Fairer Scotland Fund Review) Strategic Review of the Revenue Budget 2 (SRRB2).

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the proposed savings identified in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (ii) that in respect of the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB), there be no proposed saving from the Fairer Scotland Fund and Social Work Money Advice for funding for 2011/12, therefore the total funding package to the CAB from the Council for 2011/12 would be £350,796 as the Council had recently been advised of a range of external factors which could potentially affect the funding of CAB, the result of which will not be known for a period of time and accordingly funding arrangements beyond 2011/12 would require to be considered at a future date;

- (iii) to note that employee issues arising from the review would be subject to discussion with the Head of Human Resources in consultation with the Trade Unions;
- (iv) to receive a more detailed report in respect of any financial implications where employee issues had been identified;
- (v) to approve the workplan, summarised at Appendix 3 to the report and to receive a report back to Cabinet with recommendations on the outcome of these reviews;
- (vi) to remit to lead departments to advise projects/services within their responsibility of the outcome of the review process, support redesign, where appropriate, and ensure that efficiencies were delivered with minimum impact on service provision; and
- (vii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Robert McDill, having moved an alternative motion in respect of the funding for the post of External Funding and Sustainability Officer, which failed to receive a seconder, asked that his dissent be recorded to this decision.

Councillors Maureen McKay and Barney Menzies joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

Church Representatives Maria Dorrian and Ian Rennie, Teacher Representative Bryce Wilson and parent Representative David Fraser left the meeting at this point.

### **REQUEST FOR EARLY RETIREMENT AND UPDATE ON THE COUNCIL'S REDUNDANCY PAYMENTS SCHEME (Item 4, Page 1235, 07/12)**

3. There was submitted a report dated 18 October 2010 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support which (i) sought approval of a request for early retirement on the grounds of efficiency of service from an employee within the Finance Service in the Department of Finance and Corporate Support; and (ii) advised Cabinet of the number of employees who had left the Council's service under the Council's Redundancy Payments Scheme via the Head of Human Resources' delegated authority.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the early retiral arrangements as detailed in Appendix A to the report; and
- (ii) to note that one employee had left the Council's service on the grounds of redundancy in terms of the Head of Human Resources' delegated authority as detailed in Appendix B of the report.

### **RE-ADMITTANCE OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

4. The press and public were re-admitted to the meeting at this point.

### **STRATEGIC PLANNING, MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES AND EQUALITIES**

#### **NEGOTIATED CONTRACT FOR FOOTWAY GRITTING (Item 5, Page 1358, 07/12)**

5. There was submitted a report dated 27 October 2010 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought

Cabinet's approval to enter into negotiations with Peacock Salt, North Harbour, Ayr to pilot the gritting of Priority 1 footways in Kilmarnock with the use of mechanised footway liquid de-icing sprayers.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to authorise the Head of Roads and Transportation to enter into negotiations with Peacock Salt Ltd, North Harbour, Ayr to carry out salting treatment of Priority 1 footways within Kilmarnock; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

## **DELIVERING COMMUNITY REGENERATION**

### **PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE 30MPH SPEED LIMIT, A759 MAIN ROAD, GATEHEAD**

6. There was submitted a report dated 26 October 2010 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought approval to extend the existing 30mph speed limit on route A759 Main Road, Gatehead to include the junction with route B751.

Cabinet agreed to approve the proposal to extend the existing 30mph speed limit on A759 Main Road, Gatehead as shown in Appendix 1 to the report.

The meeting terminated at 1038 hours.