

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**CABINET****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2008 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Douglas Reid, John MacKay, John Knapp, Hugh Ross, Jim Todd, Jim Roberts, Kathy Morrice; and 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; Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services; Chris McAleavey, Head of Housing; David Mitchell, Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services; Andrew Sutherland, Head of Schools; and Sharon McHarg, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Iain Linton, Jim Buchanan and Robert McDill.

CHAIR: Councillor Douglas Reid, Chair.

LIFELONG LEARNING**SCHOOL COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP**

- 1E.** There was submitted a report dated November 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised Cabinet of current activity, future developments and present strengths and areas for development in school college partnership.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to encourage the provision of appropriate vocational courses in partnership with Ayrshire's colleges; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

CROSSROADS PRIMARY SCHOOL (Item 16E, Page 438, 07/12)

- 2E.** There was submitted a report dated 10 October 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which updated Cabinet on the progress being made in discussions with Mr Wallace Hendrie regarding the future of Crossroads Primary School and which sought agreement on next steps.

There was also circulated (at the meeting) with Cabinet's agreement, a copy of an email dated 2 December 2008 from Mr Wallace Hendrie to the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services in response to the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services report.

Cabinet then heard the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services (a) summarise the key issues in the report and the email; and (b) advise that having

considered the contents of the email, that the recommendations as set out in the report remained unchanged.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to note the Cabinet decision of 19 March 2008 in relation to Crossroads Primary School, viz “to retain Crossroads Primary School as a separate establishment and located in its current location”;
- (ii) that the future of Crossroads Primary School should be considered within the present arrangements for the school estates management plan and strategy on asset management for any associated maintenance and repairs;
- (iii) to continue discussions with Mr Hendrie, or any other relevant party, on the significance of any developing proposals relevant to bio-digester technology and associated projects;
- (iv) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services write to Mr Hendrie to thank him for the work he has done in relation to the biogester and associated proposals; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT STRATEGY

- 3E.** There was submitted a report dated 7 October 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed Cabinet of the new Parental Involvement Strategy and sought agreement to adopt the strategy as East Ayrshire Council’s formal Parental Involvement Strategy.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to adopt the Parental Involvement Strategy attached to the report as East Ayrshire Council’s formal policy; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EXTENSION OF THE SCHOOL NURSING SERVICE IN EAST AYRSHIRE SECONDARY SCHOOLS

- 4E.** There was submitted a report dated 31 October 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought Cabinet support for an initiative proposed by NHS Ayrshire and Arran involving secondary schools in East Ayrshire.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the partnership with NHS Ayrshire and Arran in developing the role of school nurses in secondary schools in East Ayrshire;
- (ii) to remit to the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to report on progress in due course; and
- (iii) 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

STRATEGIC HOUSING INVESTMENT PLAN 2009/10 - 2013/14

5. There was submitted a report dated 21 November 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised Cabinet of the contents of East Ayrshire's Strategic Housing Investment Plan covering the five year period from 2009/10 to 2013/14 and which sought approval to submit the Plan to Cabinet for consideration and adoption by Elected Members.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Affordable Housing Investment priorities detailed in the Strategic Housing Investment Programme 2009-2014 as appended to the report;
- (ii) to approve the submission of the Plan to the Scottish Government;
- (iii) to authorise the Head of Housing Services to commission the Housing Needs and Demand Assessment in early 2009 to inform the preparation of the new Local Housing Strategy by 2011; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES

SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY PROCUREMENT PROPOSAL

6. There was submitted a report dated 19 November 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which sought Cabinet approval for Procurement Scotland to procure a Supply of Electricity Contract on behalf of East Ayrshire Council for purchases commencing 1 April 2010 when the current contractual arrangements put in place by Scotland Excel expire.

Cabinet having considered the procurement options available for the supply of electricity and noted the advantages/disadvantages associated with each option, agreed:-

- (i) to participate in the national contract for the Supply of Electricity, to be procured by Procurement Scotland; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

AUCHINLECK ACADEMY WINDOW REPLACEMENT PHASE 3

7. There was submitted a report dated 19 November 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management which requested that Cabinet agree to the extension of the existing contract to facilitate additional works and work in relation to formerly designated school funds work.

Cabinet agreed to approve the extension of the existing Window Replacement to Auchinleck Academy Phase 3 contract.

ADDITIONAL REMOTE SITES MONITORING

8. There was submitted a report dated 19 November 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management which sought approval for single

Contractor negotiations with Fortress Security Alarms Ltd for the remote site CCTV, intruder and fire monitoring at twelve further sites.

Cabinet, having noted confirmation that there were a total of twelve sites and not eleven, agreed to approve the negotiation of a contract with Fortress Security Alarms Ltd for the installation of remote site monitoring at a further twelve sites within East Ayrshire Council including the required mapping upgrades at the Risk Management Centre, London Road, Kilmarnock, under the terms of Paragraph 20(1) of the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts and Tendering.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

9. 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 VOLUNTARY SEVERANCE

10. There was submitted a report dated 14 November 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which sought Cabinet approval of a request for voluntary severance on grounds of redundancy from an employee within the Human Resources Service of the Department of Corporate Support.

Cabinet agreed to approve the severance arrangement as detailed in Appendix A to the report.

The meeting terminated at 1105 hours.