

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****CABINET****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2009 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

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

**ATTENDING:** 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; Eddie Fraser, Head of Service: Community Care; Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services; Martin Rose, Head of Human Resources; David Mitchell, Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services; John Griffiths, Head of Leisure; Alan Neish, Head of Planning and Economic Development; Euan Couperwhite, Head of Service: Resources (Educational & Social Services); John Bryson, Head of Roads and Transportation; Karl Doroszenko, Development, Planning and Regeneration Manager; Daniel Steel, Tourism Development Officer; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGY:** Councillor Jim Roberts.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Douglas Reid, Chair.

**COMMUNITY WELLBEING****SOCIAL WORK SUSTAINABILITY (Item 7, Pages 509, 510, 07/12)**

1. There was submitted a report dated 30 January 2009 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for the first phase of a plan to support the sustainable delivery of Social Work Services for the next five years.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the arrangements detailed in the report at paragraph 5 for the cost effective delivery of care at home services specifically:-
  - (a) commence immediate negotiations with the Trade Unions to ensure that the flexibility required to protect the in-house workforce could be introduced; and
  - (b) that a team be established to review individual care arrangements across the home care services ensuring continued focus on the most vulnerable and equity of provision across the Council area;
- (ii) to accept at this stage, the initial findings from the Review of Support and Administrative structures and that a future report be submitted for consideration by Cabinet in May 2009;
- (iii) to note that a further report on Children's Services and Adult Services was scheduled for consideration by Cabinet in May 2009;

- (iv) to approve the schematic action plan as detailed at table 6 in the report;
- (v) that employee briefings be undertaken on the merit of the proposals commencing with immediate effect;
- (vi) to consult on relative elements with appropriate stakeholders including Health Partners, Elderly Forum and Trade Unions;
- (vii) to note the unfunded service pressures of £1.6M for 2009/2010 as detailed in Section 7 of the report and that this be taken into account when considering the Revenue Budget for 2009/2010;
- (viii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services provide reports to Cabinet at three monthly intervals on progress against the implementation of this sustainability strategy; and
- (ix) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**MANAGEMENT OF GRANGE AND ST JOSEPH'S LEISURE CENTRES, KILMARNOCK (Item 3E, Page 472, 07/12)**

2. There was submitted a report dated 29 January 2009 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought approval for programming arrangements at Grange and St Joseph's Leisure Centres in Kilmarnock and for prices for the new synthetic grass pitch at St Joseph's Leisure Centre, Kilmarnock which was due to open in March 2009.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the facility programming proposals as detailed in Section 4 of the report;
- (ii) to approve the charging regime for the synthetic grass pitches as detailed in paragraph 4.4 of the report; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**EAST AYRSHIRE/SOUTH AYRSHIRE (EASA) QUALITY SCHEME FOR COMMUNITY RECREATION FACILITIES**

3. There was submitted a report dated 29 January 2009 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised Members of the progress that had been made on developing a Quality Scheme for the management of Community Recreation facilities.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the implementation and development of the EASA Quality Scheme;
- (ii) to remit to the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to report back on progress with the implementation of the scheme in due course; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

## **ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION**

### **PROPOSED ONE WAY SYSTEM - DALVENNAN AVENUE, PATNA**

4. There was submitted a report dated 29 January 2009 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought approval of Cabinet for the introduction of a one way system in Dalvennan Avenue, Patna.

Cabinet, having noted that no objections had been received to the proposal, agreed:-

- (i) to approve the making of the Order for the introduction of a one way traffic system in Dalvennan Avenue, Patna; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **NATIONAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK FOR SCOTLAND 2 (NPF2) (Item 15, Pages 334, 335, 07/12)**

5. There was submitted a report dated 29 January 2009 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which informed Cabinet of the extent to which the Scottish Government's National Planning Framework for Scotland 2: Proposed Framework had taken on board representations made by the Council in relation to the Discussion Draft version of the document published in January 2008.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the contents of the report and also include within the report under the "Small Towns and Sustainable Communities" Section that it is the Council's view that the role of "Small Towns" should be recognised in the Development Strategy;
- (ii) that the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support send a copy of the report, as amended, to the Scottish Government as representing the Council's views on the National Planning Framework for Scotland 2: Proposed Framework;
- (iii) that as a priority the Council continues to lobby for NPF2 to include recognition of the need for improved transport links between the south of Ayrshire and the M74; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **EAST AYRSHIRE TOURISM STRATEGY - THE WAY AHEAD 2009-2015 (Item 2, Pages 391, 392, 07/12)**

6. There was submitted a report dated 19 January 2009 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which sought approval for the East Ayrshire Tourism Strategy and Action Plan and accompanying Environmental Report to be published in draft and proceed to full public consultation as required by Section 16 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the document "East Ayrshire Tourism Strategy - The Way Ahead: 2009-2015" and the accompanying Environmental Report, to be published in draft for public consultation;

- (ii) that the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support bring forward performance monitoring reports on an annual basis; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

## **MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES**

### **LEASE OF DISUSED WALLED GARDEN AT DEAN CASTLE COUNTRY PARK**

7. There was submitted a report dated 29 January 2009 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought authority to lease the disused walled garden at Dean Castle Country Park to the Heal the Earth organisation for the development of allotments to grow organic vegetables.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the lease of the walled garden at Dean Castle Country Park to Heal the Earth;
- (ii) to authorise the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management to set up a lease between the Council and Heal the Earth for an initial period of five years;
- (iii) that the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services submit progress reports to Cabinet, as appropriate; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

## **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

8. 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 13 of Schedule 7A of the Act".

## **ALTERATION TO THE EAST AYRSHIRE LOCAL PLAN**

9. The Head of Planning and Economic Development presented three inter-related reports and provided a summary thereon.

### **9.1 OBJECTIONS AND REPRESENTATION DOCUMENT AND SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS**

There was submitted a report dated 26 January 2009 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which (i) informed Cabinet of the formal objections and other associated representations received in respect of the finalised draft version of the Alteration to the East Ayrshire Local Plan; (ii) informed Cabinet of the Department's suggested response to each of the objections and representations received; (iii) presented a Schedule of Modifications it was proposed should be made to the finalised draft local plan alteration, including those modifications proposed to meet some of the objections received; and (iv) which sought approval of the Objections and Representations Document and the Schedule of Modifications in order to allow formal negotiations with objectors to be carried out.

## **9.2 SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL REPRESENTATIONS DOCUMENT**

There was submitted a report dated 23 January 2009 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which (i) informed Cabinet of the representations received in respect of the Finalised Draft Version of the Sustainability Appraisal produced in association with the Finalised Draft Version of the Alteration to the East Ayrshire Local Plan; (ii) informed Cabinet of the Department's suggested response to each of the representations received; (iii) sought Cabinet approval for the Strategic Environmental and Socio-Economic Assessments of the new policies, proposals and sites suggested through the objection process; (iv) which sought authorisation for the Head of Planning and Economic Development to inform individual respondents to the Sustainability Appraisal on how their representations had been viewed by the Council; and (v) which sought Cabinet authorisation for a series of modifications which it was suggested be made to the Environmental Report.

## **9.3 DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE**

There was submitted a report dated 23 January 2009 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which presented for information, consideration and approval three draft Supplementary Planning Guidance Documents prepared by the Head of Planning and Economic Development which related to the subject of Developer Contributions, Affordable Housing and Master Planning.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) that the matter be referred to Council for consideration at the next meeting to be held on 26 February 2009; and
- (ii) to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to arrange for a Seminar to be held for Elected Members to discuss the issues, prior to the Council meeting.

The meeting terminated at 1050 hours