

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4 JUNE 2008 AT 1000 HOURS  
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,  
KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Douglas Reid, Iain Linton, John MacKay, Hugh Ross, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson, Jim Roberts and Kathy Morrice.

**ATTENDING:** Fiona Lees, Chief Executive; Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support; Graham Short, Executive Director of Educational and Social 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; John Bryson, Head of Roads and Transportation; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Jim Buchanan and Jim Todd.

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

**COMMUNITY WELLBEING**

**THE INSPECTION OF EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL'S HOUSING  
AND HOMELESSNESS SERVICE**

1. There was submitted a report dated 27 May 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised of the publication by the Scottish Housing Regulator of the final report on the Inspection of the Council's Housing and Homelessness Services and which sought approval of an Improvement Plan to address the key recommendations contained within the report in respect of services to homeless people, housing management and asset management and repairs.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to note the generally positive conclusions arising from the Scottish Housing Regulator Inspection of East Ayrshire Council's Housing and Homelessness Services;
- (ii) to approve the draft Improvement Plan appended to the report;
- (iii) to forward the Homelessness Improvement Plan to the Scottish Housing Regulator; and
- (iv) otherwise, note the contents of the report.

**ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION**

**TOURISM - THE WAY AHEAD IN EAST AYRSHIRE**

2. There was submitted a report dated 22 May 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which sought approval of a strategic delivery report and draft Action Plan for Tourism in East Ayrshire.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the document: "Tourism: The Way Ahead in East Ayrshire 2008-2015" and the Draft Action Plan, in principle, subject to the outcome of the statutorily required Strategic Environmental Assessment;
- (ii) to authorise the creation of a new dedicated budget from within existing resources, where possible;
- (iii) to request the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to bring forward a further report on the draft Service Level Agreement with VisitScotland for 2008/09;
- (iv) to request the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to bring forward performance monitoring reports on an annual basis and on a cycle to be agreed; and
- (v) that in terms of developing marketable tourism experiences that focused on famous people, to request the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to ensure that such initiatives highlighted the significance of William Wallace and all other East Ayrshire 'Local Heroes' as part of a review of marketing of the area in the context of "Tourism - The Way Ahead in East Ayrshire".

**BRIDGES, TRAFFIC, TRANSPORTATION AND ROAD SAFETY  
PROGRAMMES 2008/09 (Item 15, Page 1738, 03/07)**

3. There was submitted a report dated 19 May 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised of (i) the current status of the bridge assessment programme and the significant future investment that would be required to strengthen the Council's bridge stock; (ii) the proposal to bring forward a ten year bridges investment programme to address the bridge issues taking account of priorities and affordability; and (iii) the proposed structures, traffic, transportation and road safety Capital Programmes for 2008-09.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to note the current status of the bridge assessment, strengthening and replacement programmes and the significant future investment that would be required to upgrade the Council's bridge stock;
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services bring forward a ten year investment programme to address the bridge issues taking account of priorities and affordability;
- (iii) to note that the Chief Executive was finalising arrangements for a joint meeting between South Lanarkshire Council and East Ayrshire Council representatives to discuss upgrades to the A70 and A71 corridors;
- (iv) that following the meeting referred to under (iii) above, the Leader of the Council write to the Transport Minister requesting that funding for Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets funding be continued after March 2009 and invite the Minister to visit East Ayrshire to consider essential upgrades to the A70 and A71 corridors;
- (v) to approve the proposed bridges, traffic, transportation and road safety Capital Programmes for 2008-09 as outlined in Sections 3 and 4 of the report

with the exception of the road safety schemes identified by the community;  
and

- (vi) to continue the determination of the Capital Road Safety Schemes requested by the local community to a future meeting to enable the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to provide an assessment of the schemes in relation to annual accident analysis.

#### **ALTERATION TO THE EAST AYRSHIRE LOCAL PLAN - OBJECTION ANALYSIS (Item 15, Page 170, 07/11)**

4. There was submitted a report dated 15 May 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which presented for information, a summary of the objections and other associated representations received in respect of the finalised draft version of the Alteration to the East Ayrshire Local Plan and which outlined the next steps to be taken in progressing the local plan alteration to adoption.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to note the nature and scope of objections and other representations received during the formal objection period set aside for the Finalised Draft Alteration to the East Ayrshire Local Plan;
- (ii) to note the procedures for progressing the Finalised Draft Local Plan Alteration to Adoption; and
- (iii) to approve that formal notification regarding the public local inquiry/examination into unresolved objections be made following consideration by Cabinet of any objections lodged to modifications that may be agreed to the Local Plan Alteration in the future.

#### **MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES**

##### **NEW CUMNOCK REGENERATION HOUSING INITIATIVE AREA: CAIRNHILL (Item 2.3E, Page 299, 07/11)**

5. There was submitted a joint report dated 22 May 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services, Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management which sought approval to (i) declare surplus to requirements those properties at 61-87 Greenbraes Drive, New Cumnock and associated ground extending in total to 0.284 hectares (0.701 acres) or thereby all as shown hatched on Plan 1 attached to the report together with the properties at 45-59 Greenbraes Drive, New Cumnock; (ii) market the site extending to 10.391 hectares (25.657 acres) all as shown hatched black on Plan 2 attached to the report; and (iii) carry out the associated re-acquisitions and demolitions as detailed within this report.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to declare surplus to requirements the properties and associated lands at 61-87 Greenbraes Drive, New Cumnock extending in total to 0.284 hectares (0.701 acres) all as shown hatched in black on Plan 1 attached to the report, together with the properties at 45-59 Greenbraes Drive, New Cumnock;

- (ii) to authorise the termination of the leases for the remaining tenanted properties within the housing site;
- (iii) to approve the proposed demolitions of the properties identified in Appendix 1 of the report together with, subject to the appropriate surplus declaration, the buildings at Cairnhill Primary School;
- (iv) to authorise the re-acquisition of those properties within the housing site previously sold as further identified in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (v) to authorise the Solicitor to the Council to instruct the District Valuer to enter into negotiations on preliminary terms and conditions for the re-acquisition of the five sold properties, and to authorise the use of Compulsory Purchase Powers in terms of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, Section 189 in the event of negotiating terms and conditions not being agreed in respect of re-acquisition of the sold properties;
- (vi) to authorise the use of “Competitive Dialogue” Procurement process to market the cleared site extending in total to 10.391 hectares (25.657 acres) or thereby all as shown hatched black on Plan 2 attached to the report;
- (vii) to note that a further report on progress would be brought to a future Cabinet; and
- (viii) otherwise, to note the contents of this report.

**DALMELLINGTON REGENERATION - HOUSING INITIATIVE AREA: MOSSDALE TERRACE, BELLSBANK (Item 8, Page 1915, 03/07)**

6. There was submitted a joint report dated 22 May 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management which sought approval to amend the proposals for the disposal of housing at Mosssdale Terrace, Bellsbank which was declared surplus to requirements by the former Housing Committee on 25 January 2006.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to authorise the use of the “Competitive Dialogue” Procurement process to market the site extending in total to 1.447 hectares (3.575 acres) or thereby all as shown hatched black on the plan attached to the report;
- (ii) to note that a further report on progress would be brought to a future Cabinet; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

7. 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 involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act”.

**FAIRER SCOTLAND FUND - PAPER TO COMMUNITY PLANNING  
PARTNERSHIP BOARD (Item 1, Page 286, 07/11)**

8. There was submitted and noted report dated 22 May 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which submitted for information, the recommendations arising from the Fairer Scotland Fund review process which would be considered by the Community Planning Partnership Board at a special Board Meeting scheduled for 10 June 2008.

**EARLY RETIREMENT**

9. There was submitted a report dated 27 May 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which sought approval of a request for early retirement received from an employee within the Department of Corporate Support.

Cabinet agreed to approve the early retirement arrangements as detailed within the report.

The meeting terminated at 1105 hours.