

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27 JANUARY 2010 AT 1030 HOURS IN THE ROBERT BURNS SUITE, BURNS MONUMENT CENTRE, KAY PARK, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Douglas Reid, Iain Linton, John MacKay, Maureen McKay, Hugh Ross, Jim Todd, Robert McDill, Barney Menzies and Kathy Morrice.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Cook, Chair of Governance & Scrutiny Committee.

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; Eddie Fraser, Head of Service: Community Care; Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services; David Mitchell, Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services; John Bryson, Head of Roads and Transportation; and Christine Baillie, Senior Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Jim Buchanan and Jim Roberts.

CHAIR: Councillor Douglas Reid, Leader of the Council.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair welcomed to the meeting Layla Ali and Maxine Campbell, both 4th year pupils at Grange Academy, who were on work experience within the Democratic (Administration) and the Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services, respectively.

COMMUNITY WELLBEING

**NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR MENTAL HEALTH OFFICERS
(Item 13, Page 892, 07/12)**

2. There was submitted a report dated 12 January 2010 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought endorsement of the Action Plan and Remuneration Agreement prepared in response to the National Standards for Mental Health Officers.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the Action Plan;
- (ii) to note the important role of Mental Health Officers within the Community Planning Infrastructure; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION

OUTCOME AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CALLED-IN DECISION OF CABINET - 18 DECEMBER 2009: PLAYPARK INVESTMENT PROGRAMME (Item 4.3, Page 985, 07/12)

3. There was submitted a report dated 12 January 2010 (circulated) by the Chair of the Governance and Scrutiny Committee which presented the recommendation of the Governance and Scrutiny Committee of 18 December 2009 in respect of the called-in decision of Cabinet which related to the Playpark Investment Programme.

The Cabinet heard Councillor Cook, Chair of the Governance and Scrutiny Committee who presented the report and Councillor Reid, thanked the Governance and Scrutiny Committee for its deliberations on this subject,

Councillor Reid stated that the key issue in this matter was to ensure that an appropriate level of consultation was carried out in respect of:-

- priority of installation based on the 11 November 2009 report and which reflected the communities identified within that report;
- the location and usage of playpark facilities; and
- type of equipment to be provided

in order that the next phase of the investment programme could proceed within a reasonable timescale.

Cabinet then agreed that in respect of the proposals, outlined in the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Service's report dated 11 November 2009 as presented to Cabinet at its meeting on 18 November 2009:-

- (i) the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services consult on the priority installation, location and usage of playpark facilities and the type of equipment to be provided, with the respective local Members and local Community Councils and further that the Community Councils be requested to ascertain the views of local residents and other community groups as they consider appropriate, and submit their representations to the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services within an eight week period; and
- (ii) that following conclusion of this consultation period, as soon as possible thereafter, the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services submit a programme on proposed playpark investment for consideration by Cabinet.

MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES

ROAD OPERATIONS CAPITAL CONTRACTS

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 14 January 2010 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services, in compliance with the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts and Tendering, which advised Members of the contractual outturns on three capital programme contracts that had incurred additional expenditure by more than 10% of the contract value. The three contracts were, "Portland Brae, Hurlford, Lighting Replacement", "Mossmark, New Cumnock, Lighting Replacement" and "RT/OP/N/09F04 Footway Works, Galston, Newmilns, Darvel".

**EAST AYRSHIRE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU -
FUNDING APPRAISAL REPORT (Item 12, Page 2934, 95/99)**

5. There was submitted a report dated 6 January 2010 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which provided information to the Council on the work of the East Ayrshire Citizens Advice Bureau and which considered the level of grant assistance for the future.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to note that the current partnership agreement between the Council and the Citizens Advice Bureau expires in March 2010;
- (ii) to develop a new three-year Service Level Agreement with the Citizens Advice Bureau;
- (iii) to continue core funding of £142,796 each year for the duration of the new three-year Service Level Agreement commencing in 2010/2011;
- (iv) to the continuation of funding of £108,000 for Money Advice Services from the Department of Educational and Social Services for 2010/11;
- (v) to note the confirmation of Fairer Scotland Fund (FSF) funding of £100,000 for 2010/11;
- (vi) to remit to the Solicitor to the Council to negotiate a further three-year Service Level Agreement with the Citizens Advice Bureau in appropriate terms from 2010/11;
- (vii) that the proposed review of FSF funding should also include a review of the funding provided by Educational and Social Services for Money Advice Services and that this review take cognisance of the outcomes of the wider Shared Services review currently progressing in respect of Regulatory Services and consider the future provision of outreach services;
- (viii) to remit to the Executive Director of Corporate Support to bring forward a report on the outcome of the proposed FSF review and wider Shared Services review to a future meeting of Cabinet; and
- (ix) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1105 hours.