

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**CABINET****MINUTES OF CABINET HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2007 AT
1000 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Iain Linton, John MacKay, Jim Buchanan, Hugh Ross, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson and Jim Roberts; and Church Representative John McHugh.

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; Robin Gourlay, Head of Facilities Management; David Mitchell, Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services; Martin Rose, Head of Personnel; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Douglas Reid, Jim Todd and Kathy Morrice; and Church Representatives Bill McGregor and Dr Ivy Barclay.

CHAIR: Councillor Iain Linton, Vice-Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair advised that David Fraser from Greenmill Primary School had been appointed as the Parent Representative to serve on Cabinet when it was dealing with Education business. A report will be submitted to the 3 October meeting of Cabinet advising formally of the appointment.

LIFELONG LEARNING**MOUNT CARMEL PRIMARY SCHOOL, KILMARNOCK
ELECTRICAL UPGRADE PHASE I**

- 2E There was submitted a report dated 23 August 2007 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management which sought approval for a negotiated extension to the contract for the electrical upgrade to Mount Carmel Primary School currently in place.

Cabinet agreed to authorise extension of the existing contract at existing rates and conditions, with John McCaig & Sons Ltd to a maximum contract value of £190,000.

Church Representative John McHugh left the meeting at this point.

COMMUNITY WELLBEING**CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PLAN - SOCIAL WORK FACILITIES**

3. There was submitted a report dated 27 August 2007 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management which proposed a site for the Rosebank Resource Centre and the Children's Unit in Kilmarnock and the demolition of the former Affleck House building in Auchinleck.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to locate Rosebank Resource Centre and the Children's Unit in Kilmarnock at the site of the former Rosebank Adult Care Home, London Road, Kilmarnock;
- (ii) to declare surplus and demolish the former Affleck House building; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

SCOTTISH REFUGEE COUNCIL - APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

4. There was submitted a report dated 24 August 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised of a request for financial assistance which had been received from the Scottish Refugee Council and which made a recommendation accordingly.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to reject the application for grant funding from the Scottish Refugee Council for the reasons outlined in the report; and
- (ii) to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to communicate this decision to the Scottish Refugee Council.

MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES

GENDER EQUALITY DUTY - EQUAL PAY POLICY STATEMENT

5.1 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Jim Roberts declared a non-financial interest and having due regard to Section 5 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct and in particular paragraphs 5.17 and 5.18, indicated his intention to remain and participate in consideration of this item.

5.2 Consideration of Item

There was submitted a report dated 27 August 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which sought approval of an Equal Pay Policy Statement for East Ayrshire Council.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Equal Pay Policy Statement and related Action Plan; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL PUBLIC PERFORMANCE REPORT 2006/07

6. There was submitted a report dated 16 August 2007 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management on the arrangements for the production and publication of East Ayrshire Council 's 2007 Public Performance Report.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to remit to the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management to prepare an individual Public Performance Report 2007, to be distributed with the November 2007 Headlines magazine; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - 11 NOVEMBER 2007

7. There was submitted a report dated 27 August 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which advised of the arrangements made in respect of Remembrance Day Services held in East Ayrshire in 2006 and which proposed the arrangements to be made for this year's Services.

Cabinet having noted that in the draft order of wreath laying "East Ayrshire District Scouts" should read "Ayrshire East District Scouts", thereafter agreed that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to make the necessary arrangements, as detailed in the report, in relation to the Kilmarnock Service and for Elected Members' attendance at Remembrance Services throughout East Ayrshire for 2007 and for following years up to, and including 2010.

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 the paragraph shown against each item of Schedule 7A of the Act".

2007/08 GENERAL SERVICES REVENUE BUDGET AS AT 29 JULY 2007 (PERIOD 4) (PARA 8)

9. There was submitted a report dated 22 August 2007 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management which advised of the projected financial position for Revenue Services based on expenditure to 29 July 2007 (Period 4) and information provided by Executive Directors.

Cabinet, having received a presentation from the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management and having considered the contents of the report, agreed to approve the proposed virement as detailed in paragraph 2.4 of the report.

CUMNOCK TOWN CENTRE (PARA 6) (Item 6, page 110, 07/11)

10. There was submitted a report dated 12 September 2007 (circulated) by the Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services updating Cabinet in respect of a Sheriff Court Action.

Cabinet agreed to approve settlement of the Court Action by payment of the sum detailed in the report.

The meeting terminated at 10.35 hrs.