

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**CABINET****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE 2011 AT 1000 HOURS
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Douglas Reid, Iain Linton, John MacKay, Maureen McKay, Jim Buchanan, Hugh Ross, Jim Todd, Robert McDill, Barney Menzies and Kathy Morrice; Church Representative Ian Rennie; and Parent Representative David Fraser.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Chief Executive; Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services; Alex McPhee, Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support; Graham Short, Executive Director of Educational and Social Services; Malcolm Roulston, Head of Corporate Infrastructure; Craig McArthur, Head of Finance; Chris McAleavey, Head of Housing; David Mitchell, Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services; John Griffiths, Head of Leisure, Alan Neish, Head of Planning and Economic Development; Eddie Fraser, Head of Service: Community Care; and Christine Baillie, Senior Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Jim Roberts; Church Representative Maria Dorrian and Teacher Representative Bryce Wilson.

CHAIR: Councillor Douglas Reid, Leader of the Council.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The Chair at his discretion and in terms of Standing Order 19, agreed to alter the order of business and take Item 6 as shown on the Agenda "Draft Ayrshire and Arran Tourism Strategy 2011-2016" after Item 1.

STRATEGIC PLANNING, MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES AND EQUALITIES**FINANCE AND SERVICE STRATEGY REPORT**

- 2E. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support which advised of the unaudited financial position for the year ended 31 March 2011 and information provided by Executive Directors.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to note that in line with 2010/11 arrangements, the Chief Executive and Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support would undertake an in-year service by service review to ensure that savings identified were banked in advance of the 2012/13 budget process as highlighted in Paragraph 2.3 of the report;
- (ii) to approve the transfer of £1.500m as detailed in Paragraph 2.4 of the report;
- (iii) to approve the transfer of £0.600m as detailed in Paragraph 2.7 of the report and to note that the revised earmarked balance in respect of Icelandic Banks would be retained;

- (iv) to approve the transfer of £3.000m as detailed in Paragraph 2.8 of the report;
- (v) to approve the proposed treatment of earmarked balances as described in Paragraph 2.10 of the report;
- (vi) to note that although the uncommitted surplus for the year was detailed in paragraph 2.1 of the report as £1.162m, a technical accounting adjustment in the last few days would reduce this by £75,000 to £1.087m. When this surplus was added to the current General Fund uncommitted balance, the balance would become £11.350m; and
- (vii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillors Maureen McKay and Barney Menzies joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

Church Representative Ian Rennie and Parent Representative David Fraser left the meeting at this point.

DELIVERING COMMUNITY REGENERATION

DRAFT AYRSHIRE AND ARRAN TOURISM STRATEGY 2011-2016

3. There was submitted a report dated 8 June 2011 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought approval to publish the Draft Ayrshire and Arran Tourism Strategy and to proceed to public consultation.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Draft East Ayrshire Tourism Strategy 2011/2016 for public consultation;
- (ii) to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to make minor textual amendments to the strategy document as necessary before publication, to undertake the consultation and thereafter report back to Cabinet; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

IMPROVING COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLBEING

INTEGRATED RESOURCE FRAMEWORK (Item 8, Page 947, 07/12)

4. There was submitted a report dated 2 June 2011 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which (i) provided an update with respect to the work undertaken in East Ayrshire in connection with the Integrated Resource Framework; and (ii) sought endorsement of the proposed actions which had resulted from the work undertaken during 2010.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress made within East Ayrshire with respect to the Integrated Resource Framework;
- (ii) to endorse the East Ayrshire Integrated Resource Framework Implementation Plan as shown in the Appendix to the report;

- (iii) to remit to the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to bring back update reports to Cabinet on a 6 monthly basis;
- (iv) that the Leader of the Council, on behalf of Cabinet, write to the Local Area Co-ordinators to congratulate them on winning a Scottish Social Services Council Care Accolade for Involving our Local Communities; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Jim Buchanan left the meeting during discussion of the above item.

DELIVERING COMMUNITY REGENERATION

EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WITH STEWART LANDSCAPES TO DEMOLISH CUMNOCK TOWN HALL ANNEXE BUILDING

5. There was submitted a report dated 8 June 2011 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which (i) sought approval, subject to the approval of the necessary Listed Building Consent and Building Warrant, to extend the existing contract between East Ayrshire Council and Stewart Landscapes (Contracts) Limited to include the demolition of the Cumnock Town Hall Annexe building; and (ii) which sought approval for the Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services to negotiate and extend the Town Centre Regeneration Fund contracts with Stewart Landscapes and Keppie Design.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the works outlined in Section 3 of the report being undertaken, subject to obtaining Listed Building Consent and a Building Warrant for the demolition of the Cumnock Town Hall Annexe building;
- (ii) to the expenditure of up to £60,000 from the Restoring Communities Programme to cover the costs associated with demolition of the Annexe and the remediation of the vacant area, design and professional fees and, potentially, removal of asbestos from the Annexe building;
- (iii) to authorise the Head of Planning and Economic Development to negotiate an extension to the construction and consultancy contracts with Stewart Landscapes and Keppie Design in order to undertake the works outlined in Section 3 of the report;
- (iv) to authorise the Solicitor to the Council to extend the contracts to Stewart Landscapes and Keppie Design up to a maximum of £60,000 jointly, to achieve the objectives as indicated in Section 3 of the report; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

AYRSHIRE JOINT STRATEGIC WASTE MANAGEMENT PROJECT PROGRESS UPDATE

6. There was submitted a report dated 9 June 2011 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services on progress on the development of the Outline Business Case (OBC) and which provided an update on the financial position in relation to the Ayrshire Joint Strategic Waste Management Project.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to note the intention to bring the OBC before Cabinet at the earliest opportunity following publication of the Government's Zero Waste Regulations;
- (ii) to meet the Council's share of the costs involved in securing the necessary support for the project as set out in Table 1 of the report with funding to be set aside for this purpose from allocated Zero Waste budgets; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

CAPITAL PROGRAMME FUNDING FOR PARKS 2011/12

7. There was submitted a report dated 8 June 2011 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought approval to allocate capital programme funding to a range of projects in the Council's main public parks.

Having noted that the feedback referred to in Paragraph 3.1 of the report was informal feedback from local members, local residents and organisations and not a formal consultation process, Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Capital Investment Programme for Parks in 2011/12 as detailed in Section 3 of the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

It was further noted that, following the agreement at the last Cabinet meeting to invest in 4 new synthetic grass pitches to complement the 2 pitches the Council provided in Kilmarnock and the pitch under construction at Stewarton, the Leader of the Council had asked for a review of football pitch provision in Kilmarnock to ensure that the traditional grass and synthetic grass pitches met the needs of our local football clubs for both training and matches and a report on this matter would be presented to Cabinet by the end of the year.

DRAFT DEAN CASTLE COUNTRY PARK MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2011-2016 AND ASSOCIATED DRAFT STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

8. There was submitted a report dated 8 June 2011 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought approval for public consultation which related to a draft Management and Development Plan for Dean Castle Country Park and its associated Strategic Environmental Report.

Cabinet also received a presentation on the Plan by the Head of Leisure Services and the Countryside Development Manager.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the draft Dean Castle Country Park Management and Development Plan for public consultation;
- (ii) to approve the draft Strategic Environmental Report for public consultation;
- (iii) to remit to the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to implement a public consultation process in relation to these plans; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Iain Linton left the meeting during discussion, and Councillor Robert McDill left the meeting at the conclusion of, the above item.

STRATEGIC PLANNING, MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES AND EQUALITIES

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CENTRAL JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

9. There were submitted and noted Minutes of meeting held on 12 May 2011 (circulated).

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

10. 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 6 of Schedule 7A of the Act".

IMPROVING COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLBEING

EAST AYRSHIRE CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE SIGNIFICANT CASE REVIEW: COSTS

11. There was submitted a report dated 31 May 2011 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval of the Council's contribution to the costs of a significant case review which was commissioned by the East Ayrshire Child Protection Committee (EACPC).

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to note the arrangements made by EACPC to immediately commission the review and as the lead agency for the Committee, to endorse the negotiated agreement entered into with the Independent Review Officer;
- (ii) to approve the costs of the review to date as set out in Paragraph 4.2 of the report;
- (iii) to authorise the Head of Service: Children, Families and Criminal Justice to fund the Council's contribution to the costs of the review as set out in Paragraph 4.2 of the report; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1208 hours.