

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**CABINET****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2021 AT 1000 HOURS BY VIDEO CONFERENCE**

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: Councillors Douglas Reid, Jim McMahon, John McGhee, Tom Cook, Iain Linton, Fiona Campbell, Clare Maitland, Claire Leitch, Neil McGhee, Jim Roberts and Jacqui Todd; and Religious Representatives: Babs Mowat and Rev Dr Allan Vint; Parent Representative: Jacqueline Livingston; and Teacher Representative Iain Pettigrew

OFFICERS PARTICIPATING: Eddie Fraser, Chief Executive; Linda McAulay-Griffiths, Chief Education Officer and Head of Education; Joe McLachlan, Chief Financial Officer and Head of Finance and ICT; David Mitchell, Chief Governance Officer; David McDowall, Head of Economic Growth; Andrew Kennedy, Head of Facilities and Property Management; Bob McCulloch, Interim Head of Housing and Communities; Ian Burgoyne, Strategic Education Manager; Suzanne Clark, Service Manager, Vibrant Communities; Aileen Hollywood, Programme Manager, Architecture and Asset Planning; and Christine Baillie, Democratic Services Officer.

CHAIR: Councillor Douglas Reid, Leader of the Council.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. No declarations of interest were intimated.

REVIEW OF MEASURES TO ALIGN HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS WITH THE SCHOOL ESTATE CAPACITY (Item 6E of Cabinet meeting held on 31 March 2021)

- 2E. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive: Communities and Economy which provided an overview of how information currently available was used to measure the impact of new housing developments on school rolls and identify actions to ensure effective alignment.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) that the education service continues to collate relevant statistics, as per current good practice, to inform decision-making in relation to school roll projections;
- (ii) that the education service works closely with planning policy colleagues, on an on-going basis, to ensure that in relation to the number of new houses built and occupied, the most accurate statistics were used to inform the school roll projections;
- (iii) to continue to proceed with the installation of modular accommodation at the Grange Campus with a proposed installation date of January 2022, at a cost of up to £600,000 to be funded from capital contingency;
- (iv) that the proposed bids for future Primary school funding in phase 3 of the Scottish Government's Learning Estate Investment Programme, recognises

and takes account of proposals for future housing developments included in LDP2;

- (v) that a further review be undertaken into future accommodation requirements within the Grange Campus following approval of the LDP2, taking cognisance of the current review of ASN provision, any wider aspects in terms of local and national developments as well as learning from previous reviews, in order to provide a sustainable longer-term investment solution;
- (vi) that the appendices to the report be updated on an annual basis and a summary of findings reported at the same time as the annual School Estate Management Plan;
- (vii) to remit to the Head of Facilities and Property Management and the Chief Education Officer and Head of Education to provide further details of longer term accommodation requirements within the next School Estate Management Plan; and
- (viii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Teacher Representative Iain Pettigrew left the meeting during discussion of the above item.

**ADDITIONAL GRANT ALLOCATION TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION AND DELIVERY OF THE YOUNG PERSON'S GUARANTEE IN EAST AYRSHIRE
(Item 6E of Cabinet meeting of 3 March 2021)**

- 3E.** There was submitted a joint report dated 27 September 2021 (circulated) by the Chief Education Officer and Head of Education and Head of Economic Growth which provided an update on the allocation of grant funding to East Ayrshire for 2021-22 to support the implementation and delivery of the Young Person's Guarantee and sought approval for continued and expanded delivery of the project to disburse additional employability resource from the Scottish Government.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposed expansion of activities and resources to deliver the Young Person's Guarantee in 2021 and 2022, including implementation of new arrangements for training allowances to young people undertaking named employability programmes as detailed in paragraphs 6 to 9 of the report;
- (ii) to approve additional temporary staffing and establishment of a bank register for appropriately qualified employability practitioners as detailed in paragraphs 10 to 12 of the report;
- (iii) to approve the establishment of a trusted employability partner framework and partnership delivery through the sector skills academy model as detailed in paragraph 14 and 15 of the report
- (iv) to approve the establishment of the Young Person's Guarantee employers' grant scheme to support the employment of 40 Modern Apprentices initially, as detailed in paragraph 16 to 19 of the report;
- (v) to note that the date in paragraph 11 of the report should read "March 2022" and not "March 2002"; and
- (vi) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT
FRAMEWORK 2021 -2024 (Item 2E of Cabinet meeting of 5 September 2018)**

- 4E.** There was submitted a report dated 8 September 2021 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive: Communities and Economy which sought approval for the Community Learning and Development Framework for the period 2021-2024, which had been prepared in response to the Requirements for Community Learning and Development (Scotland) Regulations 2013.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Community Learning and Development Framework 2021-2024 as set out in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (ii) to note that the presentation would be circulated to members following the meeting; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1124 hours.