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EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK AND BY VIDEO CONFERENCE

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: Councillors Douglas Reid, Jim McMahon, John McFadzean, Elaine Cowan, Maureen McKay, Iain Linton, Graham Barton, Neal Ingram, Clare Maitland and Drew Filson; and Religious Representative: Rev Dr Allan Vint; and Parent Representative: Jacqueline Livingston.

OFFICERS PARTICIPATING: Eddie Fraser, Chief Executive; Katie Kelly, Depute 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; Amanda Lowe, Head of People and Culture; Jo Gibson, Head of Wellbeing and Recovery; Janie Allen, Strategic Education Manager, Early Intervention; Karen Purves, Strategic Manager, Development Planning and Regeneration; and Christine Baillie, Democratic Services Team Leader.

APOLOGIES: Religious Representatives Rev Harriet Johnston and Babs Mowat and Interim Teacher Representative Iain Pettigrew.

CHAIR: Councillor Douglas Reid, Leader of the Council.

TWO MINUTE SILENCE TO MARK THE DEATH OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

1. The Leader of the Council stated that it was with great sadness that we had learnt of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and asked Cabinet to stand and observe a two minute's silence.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. No declarations of interest were intimated.

EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE - ANNUAL REVIEW OF SUSTAINABLE RATE FOR FUNDED PROVIDERS AND CHILDMINDERS (Item 3E of Cabinet meeting of 27 June 2018)

- 3E. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Chief Education Officer and Head of Education which (i) presented information on the annual review of the sustainable rate for funded providers in the voluntary and private sector and childminders who were on the Council's Flexible Framework to deliver funded early learning and childcare places to eligible children aged 2 to 5 years; and (ii) sought agreement on the hourly rate for academic year 2022-23 for funded providers and childminders.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) that the hourly rate for funded early and childcare (ELC) places for 3, 4 and 5 year olds in funded ELC providers remains at £5.50 per hour for academic year 2022/23;

- (ii) that the hourly rate for funded ELC places for eligible 2 year olds in funded ELC providers remains at £5.50 per hour for academic year 2022/23;
- (iii) that the hourly rate for funded ELC places for 2, 3, 4 and 5 year olds with childminders is increased from £4.50 per hour to £4.76 per hour for academic year 2022/23;
- (iv) to note that funded providers and childminders receive £3.00 per child for a midday meal or dinner or receive the meal/dinner via the Council's Catering Service;
- (v) to note that all registered childcare providers can access funding through the Scottish Milk and Healthy Snack Scheme to provide a portion of milk and a portion of fruit or vegetables for every child in attendance at the national interim annual rate of 58.2p per day; and
- (vi) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**RESPONDING TO THE COST OF LIVING CRISIS
(Item 3E of Cabinet meeting of 23 February 2022)**

4E. There was submitted a joint report (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive and Head of Wellbeing and Recovery which updated Cabinet on the current cost-of-living crisis and sought approval for initial proposals to meet the immediate needs of the people we serve; in response to the significant challenges they are facing as we approach autumn and winter. Details of the proposals were set out in Table 1 of the report, recognising that further proposals may need to be developed as the full scale of the challenge becomes clearer.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to note the significant challenges that households are facing due to the increasing cost of living;
- (ii) to approve the proposals to mitigate cost of living challenges for those most in need;
- (iii) to utilise the cost of living balance held by the Council and other associated service balances to meet the cost of the options to support households and families as noted at Table 1 of the report;
- (iv) to endorse the proposed cost of living communications engagement campaign;
- (v) to note that the Council's response would be through a cost of living Officers Group and Oversight Group;
- (vi) to note the ongoing engagement with Elected Members through a cost of living Spotlight Session and regular briefings on progress;
- (vii) to remit to the Depute Chief Executive and Head of Wellbeing and Recovery to submit a further report to Council in due course providing an update on progress with all of the above, and any other further actions required;
- (viii) to remit to the Depute Chief Executive to report back to Cabinet by the end of October on proposals for dealing with debt incurred in respect of school meals including proposals for early intervention and prevention; and
- (ix) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Religious Representative Rev Dr Allan Vint; and Parent Representative: Jacqueline Livingston left the meeting at this point.

**NET ZERO BUSINESS SUPPORT GRANT SCHEME
(Item 3E of Cabinet meeting of 23 February 2022)**

5. There was submitted a report dated 7 September 2022 (circulated) by the Head of Economic Growth which sought approval to implement a new Net Zero Business Support Grant to help local businesses to save energy, carbon and money.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) that the £100,000 set aside to support local businesses to work towards net zero be invested in a one off Net Zero Support Grant Scheme;
- (ii) to approve the proposed application process, eligibility criteria for the Net Zero Support Scheme and delegation to the Head of Economic Growth on cases of hardship as outlined within the report;
- (iii) that in view of the imminent challenges faced by local business as a result of the current energy crisis, to remit to the Head of Economic Growth to ensure that appropriate arrangements to advertise and promote availability of this grant should be put in place as soon as possible; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**MAUCHLINE CONSERVATION AREA - PROPOSED ARTICLE 4 DIRECTION
AND REMOVAL OF DEEMED ADVERTISEMENT CONSENT
(Item 5 of Cabinet meeting of 1 June 2022)**

6. There was submitted a report dated 7 September 2022 (circulated) by the Head of Economic Growth which presented to Cabinet documents pertaining to a proposed Article 4 direction and the removal of deemed advertisement consent in Mauchline Conservation Area, and sought authority to submit the required documentation to the Scottish Government for final approval.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposed Article 4 Direction as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, agreeing the classes of development to be included within the direction;
- (ii) to approve the justification document associated with the proposed Article 4 Direction and removal of deemed consent for advertisements as set out in Appendix 2 of the report;
- (iii) to authorise the Head of Economic Growth to submit the approved documents to Scottish Ministers for final approval;
- (iv) to authorise the Head of Economic Growth to make any non-substantive changes or alterations/amendments of a technical or drafting nature as may be considered necessary prior to the documents being submitted; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

HOUSING LAND AUDIT 2021

7. There was submitted a report dated 15 September 2022 (circulated) by the Head of Economic Growth which presented the Housing Land Audit 2021, which examined

anticipated housing completions over the next five years and is an important tool used to monitor the take up of housing allocations within the East Ayrshire Local Development Plan. The report sought approval of the Housing Land Audit 2021.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to note the process and methodology used to prepare the Housing Land Audit for 2021 to provide a credible forecast of programmed house completions over the period 2021/22 to 2025/26;
- (ii) to approve the Housing Land Audit and delegate officers to arrange for it to be published on the Council's website; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

AYRSHIRE COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

8. There was submitted a report dated 12 September 2022 (circulated) by the Chief Governance Officer which sought authority to enter into a negotiated contract with Columba 1400 for the delivery of an Ayrshire Collaborative Leadership Academy.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to authorise a negotiated contract for the delivery of an Ayrshire Collaborative Leadership Academy; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1127 hours.