

Cabinet
23 May 2017

IRVINE, 23 May 2017 - At a Meeting of the Cabinet of North Ayrshire Council at 2.30 p.m.

Present

Joe Cullinane, John Bell, Alex Gallagher, Jim Montgomerie and Robert Foster.

Also Present

Jimmy Miller, Donald L Reid and Ian Murdoch

In Attendance

E. Murray, Chief Executive; C. Hatton, Executive Director (Place); L. Friel, Executive Director, F. Walker, Interim Head of Service (People and Transformation), A. Young, HR Operations Manager and A. Lyndon Team Manager (Corporate Procurement) J. Walls, Team Manager (Health & Safety) (Finance and Corporate Support); S. Brown, Interim Director (Health and Social Care Partnership); K. Yeomans, Executive Director (Economy and Communities); J. Butcher, Executive Director (Education & Youth Employment); A. Fraser, Head of Democratic Services, A. Todd, Senior Policy & Performance Officer, M. Gilmour, Senior Communications Officer, S. Nicholls, Marketing and Events Officer and H. Clancy, Committee Services Support Officer (Chief Executive's Service).

Chair

Councillor Cullinane in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Louise McPhater

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Standing Order 10 and Section 5 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

2. 2017 Directorate Plan Updates

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the performance of all Directorates as at 30 September 2016 against the priorities in the 2015/18 Directorate Plans.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:-

Finance & Corporate Support (FACS)

- the importance of healthy work life balance which aims to reduce absence and increase wellbeing; and
- a review of the FACS structure to ensure a fit with future service delivery models.

Education & Youth Employment

- raising attainment and achievement so that more of our young learners are securing positive and sustainable post-school destinations;
- schools being fully staffed with good quality teachers next term; and
- the partnership arrangements with Health & Social Care Partnership to help reduce inequalities and improve outcomes for vulnerable children and their targeted support.

Place

- energy efficiency advice to tenants and homeowners to help eradicate fuel poverty

Health and Social Care Partnership

- promotion of self-management to enable people to take control and better manage their own health, additional services to support people in avoiding hospital admission and increased opportunities for people to get involved in their local communities; and
- detailed annual performance report showing what has been achieved and the success within H&SCP.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) approve the 2017 updates on the 2015/18 Directorate Plans as set out at Appendices 1 - 5; (b) note the Health and Social Care Partnership's Strategic Plan at Appendix 6, (c) receive 6-monthly progress reports and (d) refer the report to the Audit and Scrutiny Committee for further scrutiny.

3. Creation of Champions

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on which Champion positions will be created for the Council.

The Cabinet agreed to appoint Councillor Larsen as Carers Champion; Councillor Macauley as Young People's Champion; the Provost as Veterans Champion; Councillor Sweeney as Mental Health Champion; and Councillor Miller as Older People's Champion.

4. Health and Safety Annual Performance Report for 2016

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on the Health and Safety performance within Council Services over the 12 month period, 1st January 2016 to 31st December 2016.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:-

- aggression and violence incidents that have increased significantly and that services continue to work with groups to examine causes, develop reduction strategies, particularly within Additional Support Needs establishments; and
- the new electronic system that has increased awareness and ease of reporting incidents which has resulted in an increase in the number of incidents recorded.

The Cabinet agreed to note the Annual Health and Safety Performance update as at end of December 2016.

5. Procurement of Canal Court Sheltered Housing project via the Hub South West

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on the procurement exercise undertaken regarding the new Canal Court Sheltered Housing Unit, Saltcoats and details of the Chief Executives decision, using delegated powers to appoint Hub South West to deliver the new facility.

Members asked a question and were provided with clarification in relation to Hub South West Scotland's procurement process which follows strict European procurement rules and is designed to ensure a fair and transparent tender process. It also complied with Scottish Government recommendations introduced in November 2013 designed to exclude companies involved in blacklisting from public contracts.

The Cabinet agreed to note the use of delegated powers by the Chief Executive to appoint Hub South West (HubSW) to deliver the construction of the new sheltered housing complex at Canal Court, Saltcoats.

6. Award of Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) for the Provision of Transport Services

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on (a) the result of the tender exercise for a Dynamic Purchasing System for the Provision of Transport Services and (b) the award of the first round of contracts.

Members asked a question, and were provided with clarification in relation to the Dynamic Purchasing System being more flexible as new service providers can apply to join at any time during the life of the DPS.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the establishment of the Dynamic Purchasing System to the service providers noted and to award the first round of contracts.

7. Exclusion of the Public

Cabinet resolved in terms of Section 50(A)4 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude from the Meeting the press and the public for the following items of business on the grounds indicated in terms of Paragraphs 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

7.1 28 Mackintosh Place, South Newmoor, Irvine

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on the on-going work to rationalise the operational depot estate at 28 Mackintosh Place, Irvine.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) approve the on-going work to rationalise the operational depot estate; and (b) approve the purchase of the Streetscene depot at 28 Mackintosh Place, Irvine as detailed in the report.

The meeting ended at 3.50 p.m.