

Cabinet  
22 November 2016

**IRVINE, 22 November 2016** - At a Meeting of the Cabinet of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

**Present**

Joe Cullinane, John Bell, Alex Gallagher, Louise McPhater and Jim Montgomerie.

**Also Present**

Willie Gibson and Catherine McMillan.

**In Attendance**

E. Murray, Chief Executive; L. Friel, Executive Director, D. Forbes, Senior Manager - Financial Management, D. Miller, Complaint and Feedback Manager and A. Munn, Team Manager, Policies and Procedures (Finance and Corporate Support); I. Colvin, Director (Health and Social Care Partnership); C. Hatton, Executive Director, Y. Baulk, Head of Service (Physical Environment), T. Reaney, Senior Manager (Streetscene) and C. Forsyth, Team Manager (Traffic and Transportation) (Place); C. MacAuley, Head of Service (Economic Growth) (Economy and Communities), J. Hutcheson, Communications Officer, L. Dunlop, Administrative Assistant and D. McCaw, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's).

**Chair**

Councillor Cullinane in the Chair.

**Apologies for Absence**

Peter McNamara

**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. Minutes**

The accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2016 was confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

**3. Management of Unacceptable Contact Policy**

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on the amendments to the Management of Unacceptable Contact Policy which was attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

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

- feedback from a review which is carried out every 2 years which has resulted in the minor amendments to the Policy;
- how often the Council has had to make use of the Policy;
- whether any use of the Policy relates to a specific area within the Council or whether it is Council-wide; and
- the use in relation to specific instances where the Policy has previously been applied.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the amendments to the Management of Unacceptable Contact Policy as detailed in the report.

#### **4. Revenue Budget 2016/17: Financial Performance to 30 September 2016**

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) which (a) set out the revenue budgetary control position for the Council at 30 September 2016; (b) provided a brief explanation of Services' major variances at Appendices 1 - 10; (c) detailed the proposed virements at Appendix 11; and (d) detailed the Housing Revenue account budgetary control position at 30 September 2016 at Appendix 12.

Councillor Cullinane proposed that the Council ensured that all North Ayrshire Council workers were in receipt of the Living Wage of £8.45 per hour effective from 1 November 2016 and that this be funded from in-year projected surplus at a total cost of £40,000. The proposal was unanimously supported by Cabinet Members.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) note the information and financial projections outlined in the report; (b) approve the allocation of non recurring funding as summarised at section 2.4; (c) approve the carry forward of £0.84m identified at section 2.5(v); (d) note the current financial projection for the Health and Social Care Partnership; (e) approve the virements detailed in Appendix 11; and (f) ensure that all North Ayrshire Council workers were in receipt of the Living Wage of £8.45 per hour effective from 1 November 2016 and that this be funded from in-year projected surplus at a total cost of £40,000.

#### **5. Capital Programme Performance to 30 September 2016**

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) which provided information on the progress in delivering the Capital Investment Programme as at 30 September 2016.

Members asked a question and were provided with further information in relation to the underspend within the HRA being considered as part of future planning.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) approve the revisions to budgets outlined in the report; and (b) note (i) the actual General Services and HRA expenditure and revised budgets to 30 September 2016; and (ii) the forecast of expenditure to 31 March 2017.

## **6. Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2016/17**

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on the Treasury Management update for the period 1 April to 30 September 2016.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) endorse the contents of the Mid-Year Treasury Management Report for 2016/17 as detailed at Appendix 1 to the report; and (b) note the Prudential and Treasury Indicators contained therein.

## **7. Ethical Care Charter**

Submit report by the Director (Health and Social Care Partnership) on the adoption of Unison's 'Ethical Care Charter' and the proposal to become an Ethical Care Council.

Members asked a question and were provided with further information in relation to timescales for implementation of the further stages of the Charter.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) approves the adoption of the Ethical Care Charter; and (b) the implementation of the proposal to become one of the few Councils in Scotland to achieve recognition as an Ethical Care Council.

## **8. Open Space Strategy 2016-2026**

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on the Open Space Strategy 2016-2026 which will enable the Council to provide high quality open space to the benefit of all communities.

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

- any feedback which had been received following the Ardeer Open Day;
- any opportunities which exist to utilise fallen trees on Council land; and
- the wind-up of 'Friends of the Plantation' in Ardrossan and any assistance that can be provided.

The Senior Manager (Streetscene) advised that he would (a) provide a report to all Members on the feedback received from the Ardeer Open Day; and (b) contact 'Friends of the Plantation' to assist with their wind-up.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the Open Space Strategy 2016-2026 as detailed at Appendix 1 to the report.

## **9. Glencairn House, New Build Sheltered Housing Development, Stevenston**

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on the revisions to the budget for the planned new Glencairn House sheltered housing development in Stevenston.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the revised budget for the project as detailed in the report.

## **10. West Kilbride Traffic Management**

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on the progression of a Traffic Regulation Order to introduce a new traffic management system in West Kilbride.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) note the findings in the report; and (b) approve (i) the proposal to promote a Traffic Regulation Order to introduce a new traffic management system in West Kilbride, and (ii) its implementation subject to no objections being received.

## **11. Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2017-2022**

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on the proposed Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2017 – 2022.

Members asked a question and were provided with a more detailed explanation of what is involved with the development of a 'sustainable' home.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) approve the Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2017-2022; and (b) gives delegated authority to the Executive Director (Place) and the Cabinet Member for Place to liaise directly with the Scottish Government in agreeing the North Ayrshire development programme and the rescheduling of projects as required.

## **12. West of Scotland Archaeological Service**

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on the proposal that the Council formally withdraw from the West of Scotland Archaeology Service.

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

- whether there are suppliers within North Ayrshire offering this specialist service; and
- consultation with these local groups to see if they can assist with future delivery models.

The Cabinet agreed to delegate authority to the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) to (a) submit the Council's notice to withdraw from the West of Scotland Archaeology Service (WoSAS); and (b) withdraw that notice, if it is established from negotiations with WoSAS that continued membership of the service would be in the best interests of the Council.

### **13. Award of Contract - Construction of New Build Sheltered Housing Unit, New Street, Stevenston**

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on the result of the tender exercise for the Construction of New Build Sheltered Housing Unit, New Street, Stevenston.

Members asked a question and were provided with further information in relation to a 7-year payback time in terms of investment in relation to solar panels within Council properties. Councillor Bell intimated that this had been raised at a recent Locality Planning meeting where tenants were in favour of this development.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the award of the contract to Ashleigh (Scotland) Limited.

### **14. Interim Contract Approval - Supply of a Managed Fleet Store Service**

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on the interim contract for the Supply of a Managed Fleet Stores Service.

The Cabinet noted the award of the interim contract for the supply of a managed fleet store service in line with the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts.

### **15. Award of Contract - Flexible Intervention Service**

Submitted report by the Director (Health and Social Care Partnership) on the tender exercise and award of contract for the Provision of a Flexible Intervention Service.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the award of the Contract to The Richmond Fellowship Scotland for a period of two years with the option to extend for up to a further one year.

The meeting ended at 3.20 p.m.