

Cabinet  
16 August 2016

**IRVINE, 16 August 2016** - At a Meeting of the Cabinet of North Ayrshire Council at 2.30 p.m.

**Present**

Alan Hill, John Bruce, Marie Burns, Anthea Dickson and Tony Gurney.

**In Attendance**

E. Murray, Chief Executive; C. McAuley, Head of Service (Economic Growth) and G. Robson, Senior Employability and Skills Manager (Economy and Communities); L. Friel, Executive Director and A. Lyndon, Team Manager (Corporate Procurement) (Finance and Corporate Support); M. Gilmour, Senior Communications Officer (Media and Internal Communications) and D. McCaw, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's).

**Chair**

Councillor Hill in the Chair.

**Apologies for Absence**

Willie Gibson.

**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 21 June 2016 was confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

**3. Consultation on Apprenticeship Levy and the call for evidence as part of the review of Enterprise Development and Skills Agencies**

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on the responses to the consultation on the Apprenticeship Levy and the call for evidence in relation to the review of Enterprise and Skills Agencies, which were detailed in the Appendices to the report.

The Cabinet was advised that in the fourth bullet point within section 2.6 of the report the text should end with the word "Scotland" and that remainder of the text should be deleted as it was duplication from the next page.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the responses for submission to Government as detailed in the Appendices to the report.

#### **4. Award of Contract - Framework Agreement for the supply and delivery of quality fresh fruit and vegetables**

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on the result of the tender exercise for the Framework Agreement for the supply and delivery of quality fresh fruit and vegetables, salad ingredients and prepared fruit and vegetables, to Council locations across North Ayrshire (including the Island of Arran), East Ayrshire and Inverclyde.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the award of the Framework Agreement (Lot 5) to George Carruthers and Sons for an initial period of three years with an option to extend for up to one year, at an anticipated annual spend cost of £187,000 to North Ayrshire Council.

#### **5. Award of Contract - Framework Agreement for the provision of Day Education Services for Children with Additional Support Needs**

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on the result of the tender exercise for the Framework Agreement for the provision of Day Education Services for Children with Additional Support Needs and seek approval to award.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the award of the Framework Agreement to Ardfarn, Aspire, Common Thread, CrossReach, Mirren Park Ltd, Spark of Genius and the National Autistic Society for an initial period of two years with an option to extend for up to two further periods of one year at a cost of £4,428,000 over the maximum duration of the framework.

#### **6. Award of Contract - Nursery Extension to Loudoun Montgomery Primary School, Irvine**

Submit report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on the tender exercise for the contract for a Nursery Extension to Loudoun Montgomery Primary School, Irvine.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the award of the contract to Fleming Buildings Ltd.

#### **7. Exclusion of the Public**

The 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 Paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

### **7.1 Social Work Complaint Review Committee: Social Work Complaints Review Committee: Complaint by Mrs R**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the findings and recommendations arising from the Social Work Complaints Review Committee meeting held on 30 June 2016.

The Cabinet agreed (a) to uphold the complaint; (b) that the Chief Executive provide a further written apology to Mrs R; and (c) that the report should also be referred to the Integration Joint Board for their information.

### **7.2 Social Work Complaint Review Committee: Social Work Complaints Review Committee: Complaint by Mr B and Ms C**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the findings and recommendations arising from the Social Work Complaints Review Committee meeting held on 15 July 2016.

The Cabinet agreed to accept the Committee's recommendations to (a) not uphold areas 1, 2 and 4 of the complaint; (b) partially uphold area 3 of the complaint; (c) uphold area 5 of the complaint; and (d) request that the Partnership (i) examine file management practices and version control of correspondence; and (ii) undertake a review of the systems in place to ensure the minutes of meetings/Case Conferences are circulated to all relevant parties within 15 calendar days as per the National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland.

The meeting ended at 2.55 p.m.