

Cabinet
13 September 2016

IRVINE, 13 September 2016 - At a Meeting of the Cabinet of North Ayrshire Council at 2.30 p.m.

Present

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

Also Present

Donald Reid

In Attendance

E. Murray, Chief Executive; J. Butcher, Executive Director and P. Gosnay, Senior Manager (Education and Youth Employment); C. Hatton, Executive Director, Y. Baulk, Head of Physical Environment and L. Hardy, Asbestos Officer (Place); M. Hogg, Head of Finance, M. McTeague, Category Manager/Team Leader - Supplies and Services and S. Paisley, Business Development Manager (Finance and Corporate Support); A. Fraser, Head of Democratic Services, M. Sugden, Communications Officer (Media and Internal Communications) and D. McCaw, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's).

Chair

Councillor Cullinane in the Chair.

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

Submitted the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 16 August 2016.

Noted.

3. Child Poverty Bill for Scotland

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the response to the Scottish Government's consultation on a Child Poverty Bill for Scotland, with the 10 consultation question responses detailed at Appendix 1 to the report.

Members discussed additions to question responses as follows:-

- question 1 response - an addition to highlight the difficulty in tackling child poverty while subject to the current austerity regime faced by cuts to Local Government funding; and
- question 6 response - that the final sentence of the response be firmed up to stress the need to ensure that newly tax devolved powers are used to reduce child poverty.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the response for submission to the Scottish Government as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, subject to the additions detailed in relation to the responses to questions 1 and 6.

4. North Ayrshire Council Youth Champion

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the appointment of the Youth Champion for North Ayrshire Council, which supports the work of the North Ayrshire's Youth Council Executive.

The Cabinet agreed to appoint Councillor Peter McNamara as Youth Champion.

5. Management of Asbestos in Weir Properties

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on the proposed strategy for managing asbestos in the Council's Weir properties including progression of a programme of inspection and removal.

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

- whether only the Council's Weir house type properties are affected by the asbestos insulation debris;
- any obligation which the Council has in connection with owner occupiers/tenants of ex Council house properties;
- the health risk in relation to different types of asbestos; and
- that an independent expert has confirmed that the risk to health as a result of exposure to this asbestos is extremely low.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the proposed strategy for managing asbestos in the Council's Weir properties as outlined in the report.

6. Award of Contract - Leachate Removal and Disposal at Shewalton Landfill

Submit report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on the result of the tender exercise for the Framework Agreement for Leachate Removal and Disposal at Shewalton Landfill.

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

- who designs any community benefit courses offered as part of the contract;
- that consultation takes place with Education and Economic Growth prior to any course being delivered in schools; and
- the effect bad weather has on leaching into the soil and methods to prevent this.

Members were further advised that a report on Community Benefits will be submitted to a future meeting of the Cabinet.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the award of the contract to Scottish Water Horizons for an initial period of three years with an option to extend for up to one year at a cost of £363,004 over the maximum duration of the contract.

The meeting ended at 3.00 p.m.