

Cabinet
29 October 2019

IRVINE, 29 October 2019 - At a Meeting of the Cabinet of North Ayrshire Council at 2.30 p.m.

Present

Joe Cullinane, John Bell, Robert Foster, Alex Gallagher and Jim Montgomerie; and Babs Mowat and Iain Haining (Church Representatives) (Agenda Items 1-5).

In Attendance

C. Hatton, Chief Executive; R. McCutcheon, Executive Director, Y. Baulk, Head of Service (Physical Environment), D Hammond, Head of Service (Interim) (Commercial), and R. McGilvery, Senior Manager (Housing Operations) (Place); M. Boyd, Head of Service (Finance) and A. Lyndon, Senior Manager (Procurement) (Finance and Corporate Support); A. McClelland, Head of Service (Education) and R. Arthur, Head of Service (Interim) (Connected Communities) (Communities); T. Bowers, Head of Service (Mental Health) (Health and Social Care Partnership); and M. Sugden, Communications Officer (Communications) and H. Clancy and A. Little, Committee Services Officers (Democratic Services).

Chair

Joe Cullinane in the Chair.

Apologies

Louise McPhater.

1. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting and announced that the Cabinet meeting would be webcast and that all decisions are subject to the Call In Procedure detailed at Standing Order 24.

1.1 Valedictory

The Chair made valedictory remarks on the late Cabinet (Education) Teaching Representative Gordon Smith, following his recent passing, and acknowledged the contribution he made to education in North Ayrshire.

2. 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.

3. Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 24 September 2019 was confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

4. Scottish Attainment Challenge in North Ayrshire – Progress Report

Submitted a report and received presentation by the Head of Service (Education) on the impact of the Scottish Attainment Challenge on improved outcomes for learners in North Ayrshire. A data impact summary was set out at Appendix 1 to the report and a summary of key planned activity for 2019-20 set out at Appendix 2 to the report.

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

- improved outcomes for children and young people who are care experienced; and
- the contribution of attainment funding to the overall performance.

The Head of Service (Education) undertook to provide an update on improved outcomes for children and young people who are care experienced.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) note the progress made to date; and (b) receive a further progress report in one year.

5. South West Educational Improvement Collaborative (SWEIC) Annual Plan 2019

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Communities) on the priorities and content of the South West Educational Improvement Collaborative (SWEIC) Annual Plan 2019. The SWEIC Annual Plan 2019 was set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

Members asked a question and were provided with further information in relation to the program of peer challenge between the collaboratives.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) approve the SWEIC Annual Plan 2019; and (b) note the progress made to date.

6. Religious Representation on Cabinet (Education)

Submitted a report by the Head of Service (Democratic Services) on the resignation of the current Church of Scotland religious representative on Cabinet and the appointment of a replacement.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) note the resignation of Elizabeth Higton from Cabinet and (b) appoint Andrew Bruce as the representative of the Church of Scotland on Cabinet when it meets to consider Education business.

7. Asset Management Plans

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Place) on the updated Property Asset Management Plan, Housing Asset Management Plan, Open Space Asset Management Plan, Fleet Asset Management Plan and Roads Asset Management Plan. The Asset Management Plans were set out at Appendices 1-5 to the report.

The Cabinet agreed to approve (a) Property Asset Management Plan; (b) Housing Asset Management Plan; (c) Open Space Asset Management Plan; (d) Fleet Asset Management Plan; and (e) Roads Asset Management Plan.

8. Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2020-2025

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Place) on the proposed Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2020-2025 with the Plan set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

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

- continued partnership working with local housing associations; and
- a Council development of 34 units on Arran and future development opportunities.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) approve the Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2020-2025 for submission to the Scottish Government; (b) give delegated authority to the Executive Director (Place) and Cabinet Member for Place to liaise directly with the Scottish Government to agree the North Ayrshire development programme and the rescheduling of projects if and as required; and (c) note that all future developments within the SHIP will obtain a Certificate of Lawful Use Development from the Council's Planning Service to provide assurance of conformance with the Local Development Plan.

9. Allocation of North Ayrshire Council Supported Accommodation

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Place) on the North Ayrshire Council Supported Accommodation developments and the criteria and process that will be used to allocate the accommodation. The eligibility criteria was set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

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

- Trindlemoss service users moving to the unit in January 2020; and
- the adult commissioning framework currently put in place to review all assessments for care and support.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) approve the criteria and process that will be used to allocate North Ayrshire Council Supported Accommodation; and (b) note the content of the report.

10. Roads Winter Service and Weather Emergencies Plan 2019/20

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Place) on the Roads Winter Service and Weather Emergencies Plan 2019/20. The Winter Preparation Action Plan was set out at Appendix 1 to the report and the Roads Winter Service and Weather Emergencies Plan 2019/20 set out at Appendix 2 to the report.

Members asked a question and were provided with further information in relation to the flexibility to add further resources at short notice.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) approve the Roads Winter Service and Weather Emergencies Plan 2019/20; and (b) note the preparations and developments contained in the Winter Preparation Action Plan.

11. Community Investment Fund (CIF) Update

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Communities) on the progress in relation to the Community Investment Fund. A summary of CIF applications that have been approved by Locality Partnerships and Cabinet to date were set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) note the progress to date in relation to the Community Investment Fund themes and expenditure; and (b) remit officers to identify alternative sources of funding for small-grant awarding Participatory Budgeting approaches for Locality Partnerships for consideration at a future Cabinet.

12. Proposals for Community Investment Fund (CIF) Expenditure

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Communities) on applications by Locality Partnerships to allocate CIF funding to proposed projects. Funding applications from Irvine Newtown Men's Shed, the Three Towns Locality Partnership, the Garnock Valley Community Councils and the Garnock Valley Facilities and Amenities Working Group were set out at Appendices 1-4 to the report.

The Cabinet considered all applications before them against the CIF criteria and agreed to (a) approve the CIF applications in relation to (i) Accessibility improvements at Irvine Newtown Men's Shed; and (ii) Garnock Valley 2020 Vision; and (b) defer the CIF applications in relation to (i) Garnock Valley Participatory Budgeting – Community Councils; and (ii) Participatory Budgeting, The Three Towns Locality Partnership pending the introduction of proposals to Cabinet for small-grant awarding Participatory Budgeting.

13. Community Asset Transfer of Ground adjacent to Irvine Sports Club

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Communities) on the transfer of ownership of ground adjacent to that occupied by Irvine Sports Club to the Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation, "Irvine Sports Club". A location plan was set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

The Cabinet agreed (a) in principle to the asset transfer of ground at Marress Road, Irvine currently occupied by Irvine Community Sports Club, from the Irvine Common Good to the Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation, "Irvine Community Sports Club", subject to the Club transferring ground to the Council forming part of the adjacent access track; and (b) note that officers will enter into negotiations with the Club to agree the terms of transfer, including price, and will issue a decision notice to the Club setting out the terms and conditions of transfer.

14. Award of Framework Agreement – Supply of Smoke, Heat and Carbon Monoxide Detection Materials

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on the result of the tender exercise for the Supply of Smoke, Heat and Carbon Monoxide Detection Materials Framework Agreement.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the award of the Framework Agreement (Lot 1 and 2) to Rexel UK Ltd.

15. Urgent Items

15.1 National Islands Plan: North Ayrshire Council consultation response

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Communities) on North Ayrshire Council's response to the Scottish Parliament's Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee's (RECC) Call for Views on the Scottish Government's consultation on the draft National Islands Plan. The draft National Islands Plan was set out at Appendix 1 to the report, Strategic Objectives were set out at Appendix 2 to the report and North Ayrshire Council's response set out at Appendix 3 to the report.

In terms of Standing Order 5.7, the Chair adjourned the meeting for a short recess to allow Members to consider the report.

The meeting reconvened with the same Members and officers present and in attendance.

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

- housing and planning issues faced by Island communities; and
- Health and Social Care Partnership's priority in their ability to recruit in Island communities.

The Cabinet agreed to approve North Ayrshire Council's response to the RECC Call for Views on the Scottish Government's consultation on the draft National Islands Plan with the addition of Health and Social Care Partnership's priority on their ability to recruit in Island communities.

The Meeting ended at 4.15 p.m.