

Cabinet
16 April 2019

IRVINE, 16 April 2019 - At a Meeting of the Cabinet of North Ayrshire Council at 2.30 p.m.

Present

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

Also Present

Davina McTiernan, Donald L Reid and Donald Reid.

In Attendance

L. Friel, Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support); K. Yeomans, Executive Director and F. Anderson, Economic Development Officer (Economy and Communities); Y. Baulk, Head of Service (Physical Environment) and L Cree, Senior Manager (Property Management and Investment (Place); and A. Fraser, Head of Service (Democratic Services), A. Hale, Equality and Health Policy Officer, M. McColm, Communications Manager and E. Gray, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's Service).

Also In Attendance

C. Glencorse, KA Leisure

Apologies

Robert Foster, Jim Montgomerie and Craig Hatton

Chair

Joe 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

The accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 12 March 2019 was confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Equality Mainstreaming and Equality Outcome 2017-2019

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on Equality Mainstreaming and Equality Outcome 2017-2019. The Equality Mainstreaming report was set out at Appendix 1 and the Equality Outcomes report at Appendix 2 to the report.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to where the Equality Mainstreaming and Equality Outcomes reports are published and whether more can be done to publicise the contents of these reports.

The Cabinet agreed to approve reports set out in the appendices to the report, for publication by 30 April 2019.

4. The Great Harbour

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on the development proposals and plans at Irvine Harbourside and Ardeer "Great Harbour".

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

- liaison with environmental groups about unregulated development on the Ardeer Peninsula;
- the progress of work with the Scottish Government to remove the Ardeer 1953 Special Development Order and the level of compensation that the Council would be liable for should this occur;
- the proposed two-year partnership with NPL; and
- contrasting views held by the Council and some local residents on the benefits of the proposed development and work which could be carried out to rectify this.

The Cabinet agreed to approve (a) progression of the masterplan and technical feasibility work set out at sections 2.14 and 2.15 to the report; and (b) the agreement to enter into a two-year partnership with NPL to progress the masterplan and technical feasibility work set out at sections 2.14 and 2.15 to the report.

5. Year of Coasts and Waters 2020 Events Programme

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on the development of the Year of Coasts and Waters 2020 Events Programme with the list of major events set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

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

- timescales for the project and the work which has been carried out to ensure the proposed Making Waves festival does not clash with established local events; and
- a previous attempt by the Council to host an event at Irvine Beach Park, lessons which could be learned from this and the possibility of utilising the work carried out for any future events.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) continue development of the Making Waves events programme for the Scottish Government's National Year of Coasts and Waters 2020; (b) further development of a signature event with a detailed business case to be developed for future cabinet approval; and (c) support £50k revenue funding from the tourism budget in 2019/20 in support of the programme.

6. Proposals for Community Investment Fund (CIF) Expenditure

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on the applications by the Locality Partnerships to allocate Community Investment Fund (CIF) funding to a range of proposed projects. The application was set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) approve the application from the Three Towns Locality Partnership in line with CIF criteria; (b) approve expenditure of £100,000 over three years for the Three Towns Growers project, as set out in section 2.4 of the report; (c) accept future applications from Locality Partnerships for CIF funding; and (d) accept future reports on the progress of the initiatives at dates to be agreed with the Locality Partnerships.

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 item of business on the grounds indicated in terms of Paragraph 8 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

8. Surplus Property – Former Council Offices, Montgomerie House, West Byrehill, Kilwinning

Submitted report by the Head of Service (Physical Environment) on the surplus office building at West Byrehill, Kilwinning.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the recommendation as detailed in the report.

The Meeting ended at 3.00 p.m.