

Cabinet
1 March 2016

IRVINE, 1 March 2016 - At a Meeting of the Cabinet of North Ayrshire Council at 2.30 p.m.

Present

Willie Gibson, Alan Hill, John Bruce, Marie Burns, Anthea Dickson, Tony Gurney and Ruth Maguire.

Also Present

Donald Reid.

In Attendance

E. Murray, Chief Executive, L. Friel, Executive Director and A. Lyndon, Team Manager (Corporate Procurement) (Finance and Corporate Support); C. McAuley, Head of Service (Economic Growth), A. Sutton, Head of Service (Connected Communities), J. McHarg, Senior Manager (Participation and Empowerment) and L. Kirk (Access Officer) (Economy and Communities); D. MacRitchie, Senior Manager (Criminal Justice Services) (Health and Social Care Partnership); M. Sugden, Communications Officer (Media and Internal Communications), A. Pearson, Committee Services Support Officer and M. Anderson, Committee Services Team Leader (Chief Executive's Service) .

Chair

Councillor Gibson 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 Ordinary Meeting held on 16 February 2016 and the Special Meeting of the Cabinet held on 17 February 2016 was confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, subject to an amendment to Item 3 of the latter Minute, to reflect the fact that the Elected Member's question on the sale of Perceton House referred to its proceeds funding rather than contributing to the Cunninghame House refurbishment works.

3. North Ayrshire Economic Development and Regeneration Strategy Refresh

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on the refreshed Economic Development and Regeneration Strategy Framework and providing an update on progress and timelines for completion of this work. The framework approved by the EDR Board in December 2015 was attached as an appendix to the report.

The Cabinet agreed (a) to note the progress being made in refreshing the EDR strategy; (b) to approve the work done to date, including the framework attached at Appendix 1 to the report; and (c) that a presentation be made to the Cabinet later in the year on the completed strategy and action plan.

4. Saltcoats Town Hall and Irvine Townhouse and Leisure Centre (the Portal)

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on the catering and bar provision for Saltcoats Town Hall and Irvine Leisure Centre (the Portal).

Members welcomed the proposals contained in the paper, expressing support for the high standard of catering services provided by the Facilities Management Service.

The Cabinet agreed that North Ayrshire Council Facilities Management Service run the catering and bar arrangements for Saltcoats Town Hall and Irvine Leisure Centre (the Portal), as outlined in the report.

5. Review of Library Opening Hours

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on the recent public consultation on public library opening hours and on a revised pattern of library opening times as a result of the above consultation. Appendix 1 to the report summarised current service provision, the original options proposed, and the revised proposals which were informed by the consultation exercise.

Members expressed their appreciation of the thorough consultation work undertaken in order to achieve the necessary savings while maintaining library provision.

Members then asked questions, and received further information, on the Home Library Service.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) note the outcome of the recent consultation; and (b) approve the proposed revised schedule of library opening hours as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, effective from 1 June 2016.

6. Fairlie Community Links

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) providing an update on the consultation process and the feedback obtained through the consultation process together with the options for the next stages in the project's development. A summary of the consultation process and its outcome was set out at Appendix 1 to the report. Appendix 2 provided a summary of the feedback received through the consultation and an analysis of the key issues raised. The recommendations of the North Coast Area Committee of 11 February 2016 were set out at Appendix 3.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) note (i) the consultation process undertaken and (ii) the feedback obtained through the consultation process; and (b) to approve (i) Option B (to proceed with the detailed design and construction of the project), as set out at Appendix 3 to the report, (ii) as part of that option, the detailed design and key elements of the project being completed as far as practical within the current financial year, with a view to constructing the path in 2016/17 and (iii) the path design and alignment options identified as respondents' preferences referred to within Appendix 3.

7. Ayrshire Growth Deal

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on the development of an Ayrshire Growth Deal (copy enclosed). Appendix 1 to the report set out a draft Ayrshire Growth Deal prospectus to the Scottish and UK Governments. A revised draft prospectus was also circulated at the meeting.

Members asked questions, and were provided with further information, on the aspirations of the Ayrshire authorities in terms of the Digital Schools Initiative.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) approve the submission of the revised Ayrshire Growth Deal prospectus to the Scottish and UK Governments; and (b) delegate authority to the Chief Executive to make any further required changes to the prospectus prior to its submission.

8. Procurement EU Tender Plan - 2016/17 and 2017/18

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on the EU procurement tender plan for the remainder of Financial Year 2016/17 and requirements identified for 2017/18. The supplies, services and works in question were listed at Appendix 1 to the report

The Cabinet agreed to invite tenders for the supplies, services and works listed in the plan at Appendix 1 to the report.

9. Community Payback Order Annual Report

Submitted report by the Director (Health and Social Care Partnership) on the Community Payback Order Annual Report 2014/15 which provided information on the work undertaken in the last year through Community Payback Orders with a particular focus on Unpaid Work Requirements. Information on the change in total crime between 2013-14 and 2014-15 and between 2005-06 and 2014-15 by local authority area, was provided at Appendices 1 and 2 to the report. The Annual Report prepared by the Chief Social Work Officer was set out at Appendix 3.

Members reflected on the positive performance of North Ayrshire in terms of the completion rates for unpaid work under Community Payback Orders and commended the work of officers in supporting this service.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the Community Payback Order Annual Report set out at Appendix 3 to the report.

10. Award of Contract - Measured Term Contract for Roofing, Render and External Wall Insulation at various locations throughout North Ayrshire (Page 127)

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on the result of the tender exercise for Roofing, Render and External Wall Insulation at various locations throughout North Ayrshire.

The Cabinet agreed to award the contract for Roofing, Render and External Wall Insulation at various locations throughout North Ayrshire to Marley Contract Services at a cost of £19,972,500.

The meeting ended at 3.30 p.m.