

Cabinet
8 November 2016

IRVINE, 8 November 2016 - At a Meeting of the Cabinet of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

Present

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

Also Present

Donald Reid, John Easdale, Grace McLean, Catherine McMillan, Marie Burns and Alan Hill.

In Attendance

E. Murray, Chief Executive; L. Friel, Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support); C. Hatton, Executive Director and Y. Baulk, Head of Service (Physical Environment) (Place); C. MacAuley, Head of Service (Economic Growth) and Audrey Sutton, Head of Service (Connected Communities) and Louise Kirk, Access Officer (Economy and Communities) , M. Sugden, Communications Officer, A. Little, Committee Services Officer and H. Clancy, Committee Services Support Officer (Chief Executive's).

Also In Attendance

Helen McPhee, Ayrshire Valuation Joint Board, Colin Glencourse, KA Leisure and David Dunlop.

Chair

Councillor Cullinane in the Chair.

1. Declarations of Interest

In terms of Standing Order 10 and Section 5 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors, Councillor Cullinane advised, as the previous Chair of the CCTV Company Board, he had sought legal advice from the Council's legal advisor as to whether he would require to declare an interest in Agenda Item 5 - Public Space CCTV in North Ayrshire. The legal advice confirmed he would not require to declare an interest in this item.

2. Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of (i) the special meeting held on 18 October 2016 and (ii) the ordinary meeting of the Cabinet held on 25 October 2016 was confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Presentation

The Cabinet received a presentation from Helen McPhee, Assessor and Electoral Registration Officer on Revaluation which provided information on:-

- Duty of the Assessor
- Preparation for Revaluation
- Initial Stages
- Scottish Assessors Association
- Current Position
- Sector Movement
- Appeals

Members asked a question and were provided with further information in relation to the definition and process of running roll appeals.

Noted.

4. Council House Building Programme

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on the increase of the Council's housing development programme by 250 units for the period 2017-2021

Members asked a question and were provided with further information in relation to the 2,475 households who are currently registered on the North Ayrshire Housing Register and have been assessed as having a housing need.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the proposed increase in the housing development programme as outlined in the report.

5. Public Space CCTV in North Ayrshire

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on the options for the future operation of public space CCTV systems currently managed by North Ayrshire CCTV Ltd

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

- liaison with OSCR to wind down the charitable status of the CCTV company if the operation is integrated within the Council's concierge service;
- future funding support from Police Scotland;
- the estimated Capital costs of option 3 and consideration of any capital funding as part of budget setting process and;
- the best time to start the process for the future operation of public space CCTV systems.

The Cabinet agreed to approve (a) Option 3 - transfer operation of the public space CCTV systems managed by North Ayrshire CCTV Ltd, subject to the allocation of capital funding as part of the Council's budget setting exercise in February 2017; (b) the required capital funding to be considered by Cabinet at a future meeting; (c) subject to the securing of capital funding North Ayrshire CCTV Ltd be supported to ensure a managed wind down by March 2018; and (d) that a review of the Council's wider security and emergency/out of hours provisions be undertaken.

6. Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children from Calais

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on the use of emergency powers by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, in response to an urgent request for the Council to provide a place of safety for vulnerable children being displaced from camps in Calais.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to the language and cultural differences of the vulnerable children and the accommodation that is available.

The Cabinet agreed to homologate the decision of the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to provide a place of safety for up to 6 unaccompanied asylum seeking children.

7. Irvine Leisure Provision: transition arrangements

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy & Communities) on the transition arrangements to the Portal Leisure Centre

The Cabinet agreed to approve the proposed arrangements for the transition of leisure provision in Irvine to the Portal.

8. Active Travel and Transport External Funding Applications 2017/18

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy & Communities) on the external funding applications for a range of active travel and transport projects for implementation in 2017/18

That the Cabinet agreed to (a) approve the submission of external funding applications for active travel and transport projects; and (b) receive a further report on the outcome of the applications to allow the acceptance and expenditure of any grant offers.

9. Heritage and Arts Services in North Ayrshire

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy & Communities) on the changes in heritage and arts services in North Ayrshire as a result of additional service provision at the Townhouse in Irvine

The Cabinet agreed to note a) the outcome of the recent changes and improved service offer; b) the proposed revised schedule of heritage and arts services opening hours; and c) the planned maintenance works and associated closure at the Heritage Centre, Saltcoats.

The Meeting ended at 3.15 p.m