

Cabinet  
12 May 2015

**Irvine, 12 May 2015** - At a Special Meeting of the Cabinet of North Ayrshire at 2.30 p.m.

**Present**

Willie Gibson, Marie Burns, John Bruce, Tony Gurney and Ruth Maguire.

**In Attendance**

E. Murray, Chief Executive; L. Friel, Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support); K. Yeomans, Executive Director, C. McAuley, Head of Service (Economic Growth) and A. Laurenson, Team Manager (Regeneration) (Economy and Communities); C. Hatton, Executive Director and R. McCutcheon, Head of Service (Commercial Services) (Place); R. Moore, Communications Officer (Media and Internal Communications) and A. Little, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's).

**Chair**

Councillor Gibson in the Chair.

**Apologies for Absence**

Alan Hill and Anthea Dickson.

**1. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Standing Order 16 and Section 5 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

**2. Irvine Enterprise Area Strategic Investment Site – Purchase of Land and Investment in Infrastructure**

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on (a) the proposals to purchase land within the Irvine Enterprise Area from Scottish Enterprise, as shown in the plan of the site attached at Appendix 1; (b) the Masterplan proposals to sub-divide the site into multiple development platforms in association with infrastructure improvements, as illustrated at Appendix 2; and (c) the scope of the proposed works and costs breakdown as detailed in Section 2.4 of the report.

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

- reasonable abnormal development costs of £2.1m to undertake works that include a range of piling solutions, the provision of a gas membrane/venting, ground de-watering and a water supply upgrade; and
- independent valuations of the site have been undertaken and a price agreed by both parties.

That Cabinet agreed to (a) purchase land from Scottish Enterprise to secure ownership in the Strategic Investment Site; and (b) proceed with proposals to invest in the site with the aim of encouraging investment and employment.

### **3. Exclusion of the Public and Press**

The 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 items of business on the grounds indicated in terms of Paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

#### **3.1 Sale of Co-mingled Dry Recyclates Contract (Blue Bin) - Contract Issues**

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on contractual issues related to the Council's Dry Recyclates Contract.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to the Recyclates Contract.

The Cabinet agreed to the recommendations as outlined in the report.

The meeting ended at 3.20 p.m.