

Cabinet  
1 July 2014

**Irvine, 1 July 2014** - At a Meeting of Cabinet of North Ayrshire Council at 2.30 p.m.

**Present**

Alan Hill, John Bruce, Anthea Dickson, Tony Gurney and Ruth Maguire.

**In Attendance**

L. Friel, Corporate Director, D. Tate, Senior Manager (Housing, Assets and Investments) (Finance and Corporate Support); S. Gault, Head of Service (Children, Families and Criminal Justice (Social Services and Health), A. Sutton, Head of Community and Culture and S. Quinn, Head of Service (Development) (Education and Skills); C. Hatton, Corporate Director, D. Hammond, Senior Manager (Strategic Planning and Infrastructure) (Development and Environment); K. Dyson, Communications Officer and A. Little, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's).

**Chair**

Councillor Hill in the Chair.

**Apologies for Absence**

Willie Gibson and Marie Burns.

**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. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2014 were confirmed and signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

### **3. Future Model for Community Justice in Scotland**

Submitted report by the Director (North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership) which highlighted (a) the main points arising from the consultation on the Future Model for Community Justice in Scotland, including the proposal to place community justice planning within Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs); and (b) the creation of a national organisation called the Community Justice Improvement Scotland (CJIS) to provide leadership for community justice in Scotland. The draft response to the consultation was set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) note the main changes being suggested in the consultation; and (b) agree the North Ayrshire response to the questions outlined in the consultation, as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report.

### **4. Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy**

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Development and Environment) which advised of (a) the proposed Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy; (b) various priorities for action across the five separate workstreams that form part of the strategy; (c) the recommendation that the Council become a signatory to the Covenant of Mayors, which is an internationally recognised commitment to going above and beyond in furthering the sustainable energy agenda. The proposed strategy document was set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

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

- the Carbon Management Strategy and Implementation Plan which is well on target to realise in excess of a 14.5% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by March 2015;
- the construction of affordable homes built under the Council house building programme to 'very good' or 'excellent' eco homes standards;
- a business case for a pilot district heating scheme in North Ayrshire to provide affordable warmth;
- the Scottish Planning Policy that sets out how the principles of sustainability are woven through national planning policy; and
- the provision of energy advice to improve the energy efficiency of private owned housing

The Cabinet agreed to (a) approve the Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report; and (b) the Council becoming a signatory to the Covenant of Mayors.

**5. Award of Contract - Measured Term Contract (MTC) for the Design and Installation of Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) Modular Ramps to Council Houses**

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on the result of the tender exercise for the Measured Term Contract for Disability Discrimination Act Modular Ramps.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the award of the contract to William P. Whiland and Son, at a contract value of £127,500.

**6. Award of Contract - Saltcoats Town Hall Restoration Works**

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on the result of the tender exercise for Saltcoats Town Hall restoration works.

Members asked questions and were provided with information in relation to the number of companies that did not meet the minimum requirements of the contract at Stage 1 of the process, as a result of the specialist nature of the work.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the award of the contract to Taylor and Fraser, at a contract value of £2,843,121.49.

**7. Economic Development & Regeneration Board : 2 June 2014**

Submitted report by Corporate Director (Development and Environment) on the minutes of the meeting of the Economic Development and Regeneration Board held on 2 June 2014

Noted.

**8. Community and Lifelong Learning Advisory Panel : 9 June 2014**

Submitted report by Head of Service (Community and Culture) (Education and Skills) on the minutes of the meeting of the Community and Lifelong Learning Advisory Panel held on 9 June, 2014

Noted.

**9. Exclusion of the Public**

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.

## **10. Cunninghame House Refurbishment**

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on the award of the contract for Phase 2 of the refurbishment works using the negotiated tendering process via competitive negotiation with the contractor currently undertaking Phase 1 of the works.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the request to undertake contract negotiations with James Frew Ltd and to award the contract if appropriate.

The meeting ended at 2.55p.m.