

Cabinet
19 March 2013

IRVINE, 19 March 2013 - At a Special Meeting of the Cabinet of North Ayrshire Council at 2.30 p.m.

Present

Alan Hill, Anthea Dickson, John Ferguson, Tony Gurney and Alex McLean.

In Attendance

E. Murray, Chief Executive; L. Friel, Corporate Director, (Finance and Corporate Support); A. Fraser, Head of Democratic and Administration Services and D. McCaw, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's Service).

Chair

Councillor Hill in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Willie Gibson and Marie Burns.

1. Declarations of Interest

In terms of Standing Order 16, Councillor Dickson, as the Council's representative on the Strathclyde Police Authority, declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 2: The Scottish Police Authority and Dalmarnock Police Station.

2. The Scottish Police Authority and Dalmarnock Police Station

The Chief Executive circulated a report which will be considered at the final meeting of the Strathclyde Police Authority (SPA) on 21 March 2013.

The report will invite Members of the SPA to approve the allocation of £4.3 million as a capital reserve to be used as a financial contribution towards the construction costs of a proposed new police facility at Dalmarnock, which would act as the Police Headquarters in the West of Scotland. The new headquarters would contribute to the regeneration of the Dalmarnock area.

If the proposal does not proceed, then the £4.3 million would be available for redistribution on the same basis as uncommitted reserves with 51% (£2.2 million) being returned to the Scottish Government and the remaining 49% (£2.1 million) being made available for distribution between constituent authorities in line with precept conditions. The report detailed the Local Authority contributions under the precept arrangements, with North Ayrshire's contribution amounting to £109,600.

The Cabinet agreed (a) to oppose the proposal outlined within the SPA report; and (b) that the Chief Executive advise the 2 Council Member representatives on the SPA of the decision to oppose the proposal prior to their attendance at the meeting on 21 March 2013.

The meeting ended at 2.40 p.m.