

Cabinet
18 August 2015

IRVINE, 18 August 2015 - At a Meeting of the Cabinet of North Ayrshire Council at 2.30 p.m.

Present

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

In Attendance

E. Murray, Chief Executive; C. Hatton, Executive Director and C. Forsyth, Assistant Transportation Manager (Place); L. Aird, Head of Finance, S. Humphries, Senior Manager (Revenues and Benefits) and A. Munn, Community Benefits Officer (Finance and Corporate Support); J. Miller, Senior Planning Services Manager (Economy and Communities); M. Davison, Senior Manager (Democratic Services), R. Johnston, Data Protection Officer, M. Sugden, Communications Officer and D. McCaw, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's).

Chair

Councillor Gibson in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Marie Burns.

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 Minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2015 were confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Data Protection Policy Version 2

Submitted report by Chief Executive on the revised Data Protection policy which has been updated to reflect current best practices relating to information sharing and privacy by design and which (i) introduces a privacy framework for assessing information risk; and (ii) takes cognisance of the expected EU reforms. The revised policy was detailed at Appendix 1 to the report.

Members were provided with clarification in terms of staff training sessions which highlight arrangements in place in relation to protection of information while mobile working.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the revised Data Protection Policy.

4. The High Hedges (Scotland) Act 2013 - Application Fees

Submitted report by Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on fee levels for applications made to North Ayrshire Council under the High Hedges (Scotland) Act 2013

The Cabinet agreed that (a) the current application fee remains unchanged; and (b) the fee structure for applications made under the Act is reviewed annually as part of the budget process.

5. Upper Garnock Valley Flood Protection Scheme Progress Report

Submitted report by Executive Director (Place) on the preferred flood protection scheme for the upper Garnock Valley and detailing the public consultation events and feedback, together with the next steps in the formal notification process.

Members were provided with clarification on venues and newspapers for publication of the formal notification of the scheme.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) note the outcomes of the consultation exercise undertaken in January and February of this year; and (b) publish formal notification of the scheme.

6. Welfare Reform activity 2015/16

Submitted report by Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on progress on the welfare reform action plan advising of further welfare reforms to be implemented from April 2016 onwards.

Members were provided with clarification of the estimated financial impact the transfer from Disability Living Allowance to Personal Independence Payment (PIP) would have on North Ayrshire residents; and that the Scotland Bill 2015 devolves these benefits to the Scottish Government and that they may change in the future.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) endorse (i) the welfare reform activity in 2015/16; and (ii) the progress made against the welfare reform action plan as set out in Appendix 1 to the report; and (b) note the welfare reforms to be implemented from 2016 onwards.

7. Award of Contract – Measured Term Contract (MTC) for Access Control Systems - Automatic Doors Servicing and Repairs

Submitted report by Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on the result of the tender exercise for the MTC for Access Control Systems - Automatic Doors Servicing and Repairs.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the award of the contract to SPIE Scotshield Ltd. at a cost of £342,500.

8. Award of Contract - Measured Term Contract (MTC) for Floor Finishes

Submitted report by Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on the result of the tender exercise for the renewal of the MTC for Floor Finishes.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the award of the contract to Muirgroup Interiors Ltd. at a cost of £455,000.

9. Community and Lifelong Learning Advisory Panel: 21 May 2015

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on the minutes of the meeting of the Community and Lifelong Learning Advisory Panel held on 21 May 2015.

Noted.

10. South West Hub Territory Partnering Board held on 28 May 2015

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on the minutes of the South West Hub Territory Partnering Board held on 28 May 2015.

Noted.

11. Physical Environment Advisory Panel held on 1 June 2015

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on the minutes of the Physical Environment Advisory Panel held on 1 June 2015.

Noted.

12. Housing Revenue Account Business Plan Implementation Group: 11 June 2015

Submit report by the Executive Director (Place) on the minutes of the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan Implementation Group held on 11 June 2015.

Noted.

13. Economic Development and Regeneration Board : 15 June 2015

Submit report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on the minutes of the Meeting of the Economic Development and Regeneration Board held on 15 June 2015.

Noted.

14. Ayrshire Economic Partnership : 24 June 2015

Submit report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on the draft minutes of the meeting of the Ayrshire Economic Partnership held on 24 June 2015.

Noted.

The meeting ended at 2.55 p.m.