

Cabinet
28 February 2017

IRVINE, 28 February 2017 - At a Meeting of the Cabinet of North Ayrshire Council at 2.30 p.m.

Present

Joe Cullinane, John Bell, Alex Gallagher and Peter McNamara; and Elizabeth Higon (Church Representative).

In Attendance

E. Murray, Chief Executive; C. Hatton, Executive Director, Y. Baulk, Head of Service, L. Mitchell, (Commerical Support Manager) (Place); K.Yeomans, Executive Director (Economy and Communities); L. Friel, Executive Director, A. Lyndon, Team Manager (Corporate Procurement) (Finance and Corporate Support); I.Colvin, Director, T. Bowers, Head of Service (Mental Health) E. Currie, Principal Manager, N. Bell, Manager (Health & Social Care Partnership); A. McClelland, Interim Head of Service (Schools), F. Hopkins, Senior Manager (Education and Youth Employment); M. Davison, Senior Manager, (Democratic Services), J. Hutcheson, Communications Officer, M. Anderson, Committee Services Team Leader and H. Clancy, Committee Services Support Officer (Chief Executive's).

Chair

Councillor Cullinane in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Louise McPhater and Jim Montgomerie; and Mark Fraser (Church Representatives).

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 accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2017 was confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Curriculum for Excellence Levels 2016

Submitted report and received presentation by the Interim Head of Service (Education and Youth Employment) on the performance of North Ayrshire schools in the Achievement of Curriculum for Excellence (CfE) Levels Return 2015/16.

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

- the process for assessing and using the data, including the management of additional workload for teachers, the creation of a working group and the work with the Tapestry Partnership on a programme called 'Improving Teacher Professional Judgement';
- the differences in attainment by gender and the additional more focused work that is required in this area;
- the identified "dip" in the performance of pupils at the end of P4 and P7 stages and lessons which must be learnt in the reading of these cohorts; and
- whether there was a correlation between the attainment data at S3 and exam performance at S4.

The Cabinet agreed to recognise the content of the report and the achievements of pupils as illustrated in Appendix 1 to the report

4. Tarryholme Drive Project - Refurbishment of former Red Cross House (RCH), Irvine

Submitted report and received presentation by the Director (Health and Social Care Partnership) on the refurbishment programme, in partnership with the NHS Ayrshire and Arran Health Board, to develop the Tarryholme Drive site as a Learning Disability Day Centre, residential and supported accommodation for the resettlement of learning disability and rehabilitation of mental health clients.

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

- scope to extend the site further in the future; and
- the current proposal in comparison with the original plan.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) approve the refurbishment of Tarryholme Drive at a total cost of £6.6m, funded jointly by £4.939m from the Council (£3.408m General Fund, £1.531m Housing Revenue Account) and £1.661m from NHS Ayrshire and Arran Health Board; (b) approve the transfer of 20 units to Council housing stock at a total cost to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) of £2.131m for the acquisition and refurbishment works met from the HRA and Scottish Government Grant as detailed at 4.1(a); and (c) note the associated revenue savings of £1.231M (North Ayrshire Council £0.312m and NHS Ayrshire and Arran Health Board £0.919m).

5. Cunninghame Housing Association Tender Opportunity

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on the tender for the supply and installation of Cunninghame Housing Association's kitchen and bathroom programmes.

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

- whether the proposals could have any adverse impact on local businesses; and
- whether the proposals could impact negatively on Building Services' ability to deliver its core business in terms of the maintenance of housing stock and buildings.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) note the tender is a dual stage process and that Building Services has submitted the first stage procurement documents for the initial selection process; (b) agree that, if Building Services are invited to tender, they can submit a tender to Cunninghame Housing Association for the supply and installation of kitchens and bathrooms; and (c) agree, if this is successful, to grant the Executive Director (Place) delegated authority to enter into the necessary contracts.

6. Ayrshire Regional Pathfinder

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on the three Ayrshire Councils that have been invited to work with the Scottish Government to develop a regional Pathfinder exploring how regional partnerships can stimulate local economies and to update Members on the progress to explore options for a single Ayrshire Economic Development Agency.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) note that Ayrshire has been identified as a Regional Partnership Pathfinder as part of Phase 2 of the Scottish Government Enterprise and Skills Review; (b) endorse the participation of officers in work to explore options for a Regional Partnership which may include the development of a single Ayrshire Economic Development Agency; (c) note the roll out across Ayrshire of the Inclusive Growth Diagnostic that has been piloted in North Ayrshire and will provide an evidence base to inform the Regional Partnership discussions; and (d) note the Scottish Government position to create a Scotland wide statutory board to co-ordinate the activities of the national agencies and create a new vehicle to meet the enterprise and skills need of South of Scotland.

7. Award of Contract - Demolition of Magnum Leisure Centre, Irvine

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on the result of the tender exercise for the Demolition of Magnum Leisure Centre, Irvine.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the award of the contract to Central Demolition Limited.

8. Award of Contract - Term Service Contract for Road Maintenance Works 2017-18

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on the result of the tender exercise for the Term Service Contracts for Road Maintenance Works 2017-18.

Members asked a question and received clarification, on the rationale for differences between the cost/quality ratio applied to different types of tender.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the award of the contract to Finco Contracts Ltd.

9. Award of the Framework - Provision of Person Centred Community Support for Children/Young People with a range of disabilities and needs

Submitted report by the Director (Health and Social Care Partnership) on the outcome of the tender exercise for the Framework for the Provision of a Person Centred Community Support for Children/Young People with a Range of Disabilities and Needs.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the award of the Framework to the Richmond Fellowship Scotland, the Mungo Foundation, Sense Scotland and Ayrshire Childrens Services for a period of 3 years with the option to extend for up to a further one year.

The meeting ended at 3.30 p.m.