

Cabinet
12 December 2017

IRVINE, 12 December 2017 - At a Meeting of the Cabinet of North Ayrshire Council at 2.30 p.m.

Present

Joe Cullinane, John Bell, Robert Foster, Alex Gallagher, Louise McPhater, Very Reverend Canon Matthew McManus (Agenda Items 1-4) and Elizabeth Higon (Agenda Items 1-5) (Church Representatives).

Also Present

Shaun Macaulay, Jean McClung and Davina McTiernan (Agenda Items 1-4) and Donald L. Reid (Agenda Items 1-6).

In Attendance

C. Hatton, Executive Director, Y. Baulk, Head of Service (Physical Environment), R. McCutcheon, Head of Service (Commercial Services), T. Reaney, Senior Manager (Streetscene), D. Hammond, Senior Manager (Housing Strategy and Corporate Sustainability), A. Cowley, Team Manager (Structures, Flooding and Design) and Louise Beattie, Business Manager (Place); K. Yeomans, Executive Director, A. Sutton, Head of Service (Connected Communities) and George Hunter, Senior Manager (Tourism and Coastal Economy) (Economy and Communities); C. Amos, Head of Service (Inclusion); A. McClelland, Head of Service, (Learning, Teaching and Curriculum) and P. Gosnay, Senior Manager (Education and Youth Employment); E. Gunn-Stewart, Head of Service (Customer and Digital), S. Hanif, Interim Head of Service (Finance HSCP), P. Tovey, Interim Head of Service (Finance) and Anne Lyndon, Team Manager (Corporate Procurement) (Finance and Corporate Support); D. Rowland, Head of Service (Health and Community Care) (North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership); A. Fraser, Head of Democratic Services; M. Davison, Senior Manager (Democratic Services), A. Todd, Senior Policy and Performance Officer, J. Hutcheson, Communications Officer and D. McCaw, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's Service).

Also In Attendance

Carol Nisbet (Ayrshire College) and Esther McGrath (Outreach Service).

Chair

Joe Cullinane in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Ian Haining (Church Representative).

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 of the Cabinet held on 14 November 2017 were confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Education and Youth Employment: Outreach and Ayrshire College Collaboration

Submitted report and received presentation by the Executive Director (Education and Youth Employment) on the reforms to education provision for young people in our Outreach Service. The presentation provided information on:-

- the support by the Outreach Service to young people who have disengaged from education within Secondary Schools and have complex social needs;
- the proposed collaboration model with Ayrshire College to ensure learning is relevant and provides employability skills; and
- the longer term development of the programme to allow access to learning while in a meaningful work placement.

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

- the sustainability of the project in years to come;
- methods for ensuring young people engage with the project;
- key links with outreach staff and the importance of a nurturing approach; and
- the process for young people to get involved in the programme.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) endorse the two outreach proposals outlined within the report; and (b) receive a progress report by the Executive Director to Cabinet in September 2018.

4. 'Getting it Right for You' North Ayrshire Children's Services Plan – First Annual Report 2016-2017

Submitted report and received presentation by the Executive Director (Education and Youth Employment) on the 'Getting It Right For You', North Ayrshire Children's Services Plan first Annual Report 2016-2017. The presentation provided information on:-

- the development of "Getting It Right For You";
- the key achievements in relation to early years, primary and secondary education; and
- the next steps.

The Cabinet noted the contents of the 'Getting It Right For You', North Ayrshire Council's Children's Services Plan Annual Report 2016-2017.

Please note - this item was heard by the Audit & Scrutiny Committee on on 9 January 2018, please refer to the minute for the decision.

5. Reinstatement of School Transport for Cumbrae Pupils – Largs Ferry Terminal to new Largs Academy

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Education and Youth Employment) on the transport arrangements of Cumbrae pupils travelling to Largs Academy. Currently pupils in Cumbrae are transported from Millport to Cumbrae ferry slipway, but make their own way from the Largs ferry slipway to Largs Academy. The distance from the Largs ferry slipway to the new Largs Campus is one mile and a safe walking distance exists.

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

- the discussions which had been carried out with parents regarding reinstating the transport arrangements for Cumbrae pupils from the Largs ferry slipway to the new Largs Academy;
- the potential inequity within the transport policy if the service was to be reinstated; and
- the clear case for equity given that the policy is applied across other Council areas.

Councillor Gallagher expressed his disappointment with regard to the recommendation not to reinstate the transport arrangements for Cumbrae pupils as a promise had been made to the parents and this may have potentially affected the consultation regarding the Largs Campus.

The Cabinet agreed (a) to make no change to the current arrangements from Millport to Cumbrae Ferry slipway, but not to provide the transport arrangements for Cumbrae pupils from the Largs ferry slipway to the new Largs Academy; and (b) otherwise to note the terms of the report.

6. Becoming a Child-centred Council

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the work of a High Impact Leadership (HIL) Project Team and subsequent Short Life Working Group on Becoming a Child-centred Council and on future developments. The Working Group's Summary Action Plan was set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

The Cabinet agreed (a) the proposals contained in the report to put children and young people at the heart of everything the Council does; and (b) otherwise to note the work of the HIL Project Team/Short Life Working Group.

7. Quarter Two 2017/18 Progress Report - Directorate Plan performance

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the performance of all Directorates as at 30 September 2017 against the priorities in the 2015/18 Directorate Plans as detailed at Appendices 1-6 to the report.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) approve the performance of all Directorates as at 30 September 2017 against the priorities in the 2015/18 Directorate Plans; and (b) refer the Directorate Plan Performance Reports for the consideration of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee on the 30 January 2018.

8. Tourism and Coastal Economy in North Ayrshire

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on the development of a five year (2018 - 2022) approach to Tourism and the Coastal Economy in North Ayrshire. The Tourism Action Plan 2018-2022 was set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

The Cabinet agreed the proposals contained within the report and appended Action Plan.

9. Fly Posting Policy

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on the proposed North Ayrshire Council "Fly Posting Policy". The Fly Posting Policy was set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

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

- methods for advertising the Fly Posting Policy to community groups through corporate communications; and
- the identification of suitable locations in relation to the affixing of banners and posters for event highlighting.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the Fly Posting Policy detailed at Appendix 1 to the report.

10. Transfer of Land at Dickson Drive, Irvine

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on the transfer of land at Dickson Drive, Irvine from the Common Good to the Housing Revenue Account. The second phase site plan was set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

The Cabinet agreed to transfer the land at Dickson Drive, Irvine from the Common Good to the Housing Revenue Account for the sum of £66,000, subject to deduction of abnormal costs.

11. Upper Garnock Valley Flood Protection Scheme

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on progress with the proposed Upper Garnock Valley Flood Protection Scheme and seeking approval to make arrangements to hold a Public Hearing to consider outstanding objections as appropriate.

The Cabinet agreed (a) to note the extensive work carried out to date in developing an appropriate Upper Garnock Flood Protection Scheme; (b) that Officers should continue to try and resolve the objections to the scheme; (c) that officers will commence making arrangements for a Public Hearing to take place in early 2018 to consider outstanding objections in the potential event that it is not possible to resolve all objections; and (d) to note the indicative timescale for potential progress with final approval, design and construction of the Flood Protection Scheme.

12. Zero Waste Strategy 2018-2022

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on the draft Zero Waste Strategy and implementation plan for the period 2018-2022. The draft Zero Waste Strategy was set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

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

- the percentage of waste currently within grey bins which is recyclable;
- behavioural change which is required in terms of household recycling;
- advertising of a hygiene collection for nappies which would be available on a 2-weekly basis if required by parents;
- provision of a heavy plastic sack or bag for storage/collection of nappies;
- the introduction of communal bins as a pilot for common areas and flatted accommodation;
- potential concerns in relation to storage of an extra 2 section bin;
- clear guidance for households in terms of a single specified bin collection day;
- work with the Digital Team on the development of an app which will provide an alert indicating when and what bins will be collected; and
- the potential for underground waste storage and piloting this within future Council properties to be constructed.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the draft Zero Waste Strategy and implementation plan.

13. North Ayrshire Council Biodiversity Duty Report 2015-17

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on the publication of North Ayrshire Council's Biodiversity Duty Report 2015-17, as detailed at Appendix 1 to the report.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the draft North Ayrshire Council Biodiversity Duty Report 2015-17, as detailed at Appendix 1 to the report, for publication.

14. North Ayrshire Local Housing Strategy 2018-2022

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on the draft North Ayrshire Local Housing Strategy 2018-2022 for publication, as detailed at Appendix 1 to the report. Appendix 2 set out the associated Outcome Plan for publication and submission to the Scottish Government.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the draft Local Housing Strategy 2018-2022 and associated Outcome Plan, as detailed at Appendices 1 and 2 to the report, for publication and submission to the Scottish Government.

15. Local Bus Services in Scotland

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on the Local Bus Services in Scotland. The draft response to Transport Scotland was set out at Appendix 1 to the report. This has been submitted to Scottish Government and the Council is awaiting their response.

The Cabinet agreed to homologate the submission of the draft response provided at Appendix 1 to the report to Transport Scotland.

16. Award of Contract - Internal and External Alterations to the PE Block at Auchenharvie Academy, Stevenston

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on the tender exercise for the Internal and External Alterations to the PE Block at Auchenharvie Academy, Stevenston.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the award of contract to Ashleigh Scott Ltd.

The Meeting ended at 4.30 p.m.