

Cabinet
14 January 2014

IRVINE, 14 January 2014 - At a meeting of the Cabinet of North Ayrshire Council at 2.30 p.m. in Cunninghame House, Irvine.

Present

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

Also Present

Donald Reid and Alex McLean.

In Attendance

E. Murray, Chief Executive; L. Friel, Corporate Director and T. Reaney, Procurement Manager (Finance and Corporate Support); S. Gault, Head of Service Children Families and Criminal Justice (Social Services and Health); C. Kirk, Corporate Director and A. Sutton, Head of Community and Culture (Education and Skills); K. Yeomans, Head of Service Development Planning and A. Wingate, Graduate (Development and Environment); A. Fraser, Head of Democratic and Administration Services, B. Tudhope, Corporate Business Manager, A. Woodison, Communications Officer, A. Beveridge, Graduate and A. Little, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's Service)

Also In Attendance

L. Cairns, Chief Executive, C. Glencorse and L. Campbell (North Ayrshire Leisure Limited).

Chair

Councillor Gibson in the Chair.

1. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed Amber Beveridge and Amanda Wingate from the Council's Graduate Employment Programme who were in attendance.

2. Declarations of Interest

In terms of Standing Order 16 and Section 5 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors, Councillor Maguire, due to a family association, declared an indirect, non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 4, and left the meeting for that item of business.

3. Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 10 December and 11 December 2013, were confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with

paragraph 7(1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

In respect of the Minute of 10 December 2013 (Item 6), the Corporate Director (Education and Skills) undertook to arrange for members of the Cabinet to receive a copy of any school policies covering the use of school toilets.

4. North Ayrshire Leisure Limited (NALL) Business/Service Plan: Progress Report December 2013

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Education and Skills) on the North Ayrshire Leisure Limited (NALL) Business/Service Plan, incorporating the budget for 2014/15, progress in terms of performance and financial projections and the current status of specific company commitments. The Cabinet also received a presentation by the Chief Executive of North Ayrshire Leisure Limited.

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

- the "spend to generate" initiative that included the installation of a 3g astroturf 5-a-side pitch in the main hall of the Magnum;
- the capacity for future growth in the take up of fitness subscriptions;
- staffing capacity during the Commonwealth Games; and
- the transition to the new Garnock Campus.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the NALL Progress Report on the Business/Service Plan at December 2013 and Budget for 2014/15 as set on the appendix to the report.

5. Private Members Bill Consultation - Promoting Greater Accountability and Transparency in Local Government

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on a proposed response to the consultation by John Finnie MSP on his proposed Local Government Accountability and Transparency (Scotland) Bill.

On 4 November 2013, John Finnie MSP launched a consultation document (Appendix 1 to the report) on his proposals for a Local Government Accountability and Transparency (Scotland) Bill. The proposals in the Bill were outlined in the report. A proposed response was detailed in Appendix 2 to the report. The response indicated the view that there was little benefit in the Bill's proposals with the exception of those relating to the mandatory appointment of Church representatives to the Education Committee.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the response set out at Appendix 2 of the report.

6. Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Education and Skills) on (a) the key proposals arising from the Scottish Government's Community Empowerment Bill consultation; and (b) the Council's response to the second stage of the Scottish Government's consultation on the proposed Bill.

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

- the addition of arms length external organisations to the list of public bodies covered in Part 2 of the draft Bill; and
- the inclusion in the response of explanatory text where Yes/No questions have not been answered.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) note the key proposals arising from the Scottish Government's consultation and the implications for North Ayrshire Council contained within the paper; and (b) approve the proposed Council response to the questions posed in the consultation paper as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

7. Replacement of Dirrans Resource Centre

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Finance and Corporate Support) which advised of the outcome of a tender exercise for the replacement of the Dirrans Resource Centre.

The Cabinet agreed to award the contract for the construction of a replacement Dirrans Resource Centre to Ashleigh (Scotland) Ltd at a contract price of £1,581,863.

8. Opioid Replacement Therapy

Submitted report by the Director (North Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership) on the key findings of the Independent Expert Review of Opioid Replacement Therapies in Scotland and the continued development of the local Alcohol and Drug Partnership's approach to addressing alcohol and substance misuse issues affecting North Ayrshire.

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

- the good links and joint ventures that North Ayrshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership has with a variety of organisations;
- a menu of flexible and individualised treatment options available to service users in North Ayrshire; and
- the provision, to the Review team, of a breakdown and analysis of the prescribing activity by North Ayrshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership.

Noted.

9. Economic Development and Regeneration Board: Minutes of 13 November 2013

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Development and Environment) on the minutes of the Economic Development and Regeneration Board held on 13 November 2013.

Noted.

10. South West Hub Territory Partnership Board: Minutes of 21 November 2013

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on the minutes of the meeting of the South West Hub Territory Partnership Board held on 21 November 2013.

Noted.

11. Physical Environment Advisory Panel: Minutes of 2 December 2013

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Development and Environment) on the minutes of the meeting of the Physical Environmental Panel held on 2 December 2013.

Noted.

12. 1st Tier JCC and Corporate Health & Safety Group: Minutes of 5 December 2013

Submitted report by Chief Executive on the minutes of the 1st Tier JCC and the Corporate Health and Safety Group held on 5 December 2013.

Noted.

13. Brodick Pier Redevelopment Committee: Minutes of 9 December 2013

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Development and Environment) on the draft minutes of the Brodick Pier Redevelopment Committee held on 9 December 2013.

The Head of Service (Development Planning) advised that the accuracy of the draft minutes, in respect of the initial project costs, would be confirmed and corrected where necessary prior to presentation to the next meeting of the Brodick Pier Development Committee for approval.

Noted.

The meeting ended at 3.35 p.m.