

Cabinet (Education)
8 December 2020

At a Meeting of the Cabinet of North Ayrshire Council at 2.30 p.m. involving participation by remote electronic means.

Present

Joe Cullinane, John Bell, Robert Foster, Alex Gallagher, Louise McPhater and Jim Montgomerie; and Jacqui MacKenzie (Teaching Representative), Andrew Bruce, and Babs Mowat (Church Representatives) (Agenda Items 1-3).

In Attendance

C. Hatton (Chief Executive), M. Boyd, Head of Service (Finance) (Chief Executive's); R. McCutcheon, Executive Director, J. Barrett, Senior Manager (Homeless and Community Safety), A. MacKenzie, Development Manager (Regeneration), (Place); A. Sutton, Executive Director (Interim), A. McClelland, Head of Service (Education) and R. Arthur, Head of Service (Interim) (Connected Communities) (Communities); C. Cameron, Head of Service (HSCP Finance and Transformation) (HSCP); and A. Fraser, Head of Service, M. McColm, Senior Manager (Communications), J. Hutcheson, Senior Communications Officer, E. Gray and H. Clancy, Committee Services Officers (Democratic Services).

Chair

Joe Cullinane in the Chair.

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 10 November 2020 was confirmed and the Minutes authorised to be signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Local Education Phasing Delivery Plan (Revised)

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Communities) on the revised North Ayrshire Local Education Phasing Delivery Plan as set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to the provision of devices for pupils who are unable to attend school due to Covid-19, the expected demand for devices and how these will be funded.

The Cabinet unanimously agreed to (a) approve the revised Local Education Phasing Delivery Plan; and (b) note the continued progress made in response to Scottish Government legislation.

4. Public Performance Reporting 2019/20

Submitted a report by the Head of Democratic Services on 2019/20 public performance reporting and the draft Annual Public Performance Report 2019/2020. The Council's performance indicators were set out at Appendices 1 and 2 of the report and the draft Annual Public Performance Report 2019/2020 at Appendix 3.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to future performance reports and how new initiatives, such as Community Wealth Building, would be assessed.

The Cabinet unanimously agreed to (a) approve the draft Annual Public Performance Report 2019-20; and (b) note (i) the status of the Council's performance indicators; and (ii) that the report would also be referred to the Audit and Scrutiny Committee for further consideration.

5. Safer North Ayrshire Strategy 2020-2025

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Place) on the priorities detailed within the Safer North Ayrshire Strategy 2020-2025 as set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

The Cabinet unanimously agreed to approve (a) the priorities detailed within the Safer North Ayrshire Strategy 2020-2025; and (b) the implementation thereof.

6. Town Centre Fund 2020-2021

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Place) on the allocation of recently announced additional Town Centre Funding.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to the sites identified for the asset acquisition, development and environmental works project and the consultation process around this.

The Cabinet unanimously agreed to approve the approach set out, including the allocation of funds to support the acquisition and improvement of vacant/derelict sites, and projects in Millport, Dalry, Stevenston and Kilbirnie.

7. Community Asset Transfer Applications

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Communities) on proposals to transfer the ownership of Almswall Pavilion and Football Ground, Kilwinning and the former Cleansing and Grounds Maintenance Depot, Ladysmith Road, Kilbirnie Public Park. Locations plans for the sites were set out at Appendices 1 and 2 to the report.

The Cabinet unanimously agreed to (a) approve (i) the asset transfer of Almswall Pavilion and Football Ground, Kilwinning from North Ayrshire Council to Scottish Incorporated Charitable Organisation (SCIO), "Kilwinning Community Football Academy"; (ii) the recommended terms of transfer on this occasion at 10% of the property valuation of £62,000 (£6,200 in total); (iii) the 25-year lease of the former Cleansing and Grounds Maintenance Depot, Ladysmith Road, Kilbirnie Public Park from North Ayrshire Council to the Scottish Incorporated Charitable Organisation

(SCIO), “Garnock Valley Men’s Shed”; and (iv) the recommended terms of lease on this occasion at 5% of the normal annual fee of £8,000 (£400 per annum in total); and (b) authorise officers to conclude the associated legal and community asset transfer process.

8. HSCP Budget Monitoring Report

Submitted a report by the Director (Health and Social Care Partnership) on the projected financial outturn for the financial year as at September 2020 as set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

The Cabinet unanimously agreed to note the projections set out in the report.

The Meeting ended at 3.10 p.m.