

Cabinet
29 June 2021

At a Meeting of the Cabinet of North Ayrshire Council at 4:00 p.m. involving participation by remote electronic means.

Present

Joe Cullinane, John Bell, Alex Gallagher, Louise McPhater and Jim Montgomerie.

In Attendance

R. McCutcheon, Executive Director, Y. Baulk, Head of Service (Physical Environment) and S. Caddis, Manager (Housing Operations) (Place); A. Fraser, Head of Democratic Services; K. Yeomans, Director and M. Ritchie, Regeneration Manager (Growth and Investment); A. Sutton, Executive Director (Communities and Education); M. McColm, Communications Manager; C. Stewart and A. Little, Committee Services Officers (Democratic Services).

Apologies

Robert Foster.

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. Digital Processing Manufacturing Centre, i3 Irvine

Submitted a report by the Director (Growth and Investment) on proposals for a Digital Processing Manufacturing Centre based in Irvine. The proposed Memorandum of Understanding and an Outline Business Case Executive Summary were attached at Appendix A and B, respectively, to the report.

The Cabinet unanimously agreed to (a) endorse the launch of the initial phase of the project (Phase 0) in July 2021; (b) approve the Memorandum of Understanding set out at Appendix A to the report; (c) approve the allocation of £1M from the Ayrshire Growth Deal for Phase 1, subject to detailed proposals; and (d) support the Outline Business Case for Phases 1 and 2.

3. Afghan Locally Employed Staff Relocation Scheme

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Place) on the scheme to relocate locally engaged staff who worked for the UK Government in Afghanistan. The Home Office Fact Sheet for Local Authorities was attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information on the anticipated funding and timescales, in relation to the scheme.

The Cabinet unanimously agreed to (a) note the request from the UK Government to Scottish local authorities to provide accommodation for Afghan locally engaged staff and their families; and (b) relocate two Afghan families within North Ayrshire as a matter of urgency.

The meeting ended at 4.25 p.m.