

Cabinet
27 August 2019

IRVINE, 27 August 2019 - 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 and Jim Montgomerie; and Babs Mowat (Church Representative) (Agenda Items 3).

Also Present

Timothy Billings and Jean McClung.

In Attendance

C. Hatton, Chief Executive; L. Friel, Executive Director, and M. Boyd, Head of Service (Financial and Customer Services) (Finance and Corporate Support); R. McCutcheon, Executive Director, D. Hammond, Head of Service (Commercial), M. Strachan, Senior Business Manager, N. McIlvanney, Strategic Planning Manager, S. Macfadyen, Team Manager (Commercial Services), and A. Johnston, Team Manager (Physical Environment) (Place); A. McClelland, Head of Service (Education) and R. Arthur, Head of Service (Connected Communities) (Communities); and A. Fraser, Head of Democratic Services, J. Hutchison, Senior Communications Officer (Media and Internal Communications) and E. Gray and H. Clancy, Committee Services Officers (Chief Executive's Service).

Chair

Joe Cullinane in the Chair.

Apologies

Elizabeth Higton.

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 11 June 2019 was confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Education Authority Annual Plan 2019-20

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Communities) on the publication of the Education Authority Annual Plan for 2019-20 which was set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) note the content of the Annual Plan for 2019-20; and (b) approve (i) the publication of the plan; and (ii) its subsequent submission to Scottish Ministers.

4. Decriminalised Parking Enforcement and the Introduction of Car Parking Charges

Submitted a report by the Chief Executive on the recommendations of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee following a Call-In Request relating to decriminalised parking enforcement and the introduction of car parking charges for Brodick. The Minute of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee meeting which took place on 27 June 2019 was set out at Appendix 1 and supplementary information provided by the Interim Head of Service (Commercial Services) following the Audit and Scrutiny Committee meeting was set out at Appendix 2 to the report.

The Cabinet considered the request by the Audit and Scrutiny Committee to reconsider its earlier decision to include Arran in the Council's DPE application. Members expressed the view that Arran should be included, but that plans to introduce parking charges in Brodick should not be progressed at this time and that officers should work with local ward Members to review parking issues across the island, including consideration of appropriate traffic restrictions.

Accordingly, the Cabinet (a) agreed not to accept the recommendation of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee to reconsider its earlier decision to include Arran in the Council's DPE application; and (b) noted that, in terms of Standing Order 24.7, the matter be referred to the next meeting of the Council for determination.

5. Expansion of Webcasting

Submitted a report by the Chief Executive on the proposed expansion of the Council's webcasting arrangements to include meetings of the Cabinet.

Members asked questions, and received clarification, in respect of:

- the capacity of the current webcasting contract; and
- whether there were any plans to expand the provision further.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the introduction of webcasting of meetings of the Cabinet.

6. Street Naming and Numbering Guidance

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Place) on the proposed update to the guidance for the naming and numbering of streets and properties. The updated Street Naming and Numbering Guidance was set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the proposed update to the Street Naming and Numbering Guidance set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

7. Syrian Resettlement Programme

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Place) on the progress made since the Council's humanitarian commitment to participate in the Syrian Resettlement Programme in 2015 and to seek approval to extend this commitment for a second time.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) note the progress made on the Syrian Resettlement Programme to date; and (b) further extend the Council's initial commitment and provide safe haven to a further 40 refugees with a deadline of March 2020, increasing the Council's overall commitment to a final total of 200 refugees.

8. Proposals for Community Investment Fund (CIF) Expenditure

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Communities) on applications by Locality Partnerships to allocate CIF funding to proposed projects. The application from Millport Town Hall was set out at Appendix 1 and from West Kilbride Community Initiative Limited (WKCIL) was set out at Appendix 2 to the report.

Members initially discussed the application from Millport Town Hall, noting that while the amount requested exceeded the £100,000 ceiling for CIF funding it would potentially allow for £2.8M of funding from other sources to be sought.

Discussing the application from WKCIL, Members asked questions and were provided with further information on the measures which would be taken to ensure the sustainability of the project.

The Cabinet agreed to award (a) £200,000 from the North Coast's allocation of the CIF to Millport Town Hall for the restoration of the building subject to (i) the award being set aside for 12 months to allow for the full cost of the project to be funded; and (ii) a proportional reduction in the award should the overall cost of the project reduce; and (b) £14,892.40 from the North Coast's allocation of the CIF to West Kilbride Community Initiative Limited for the Sing Your Song project.

9. i3 Digital Manufacturing and Demonstrator Hub

Submitted a report by the Director (Growth and Investment) on a partnership funding bid to the Advancing Manufacturing Challenge Fund to create a Digital Manufacturing and Demonstrator Hub and be the catalyst for the i3 Ayrshire Growth Deal project.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information on the role of the Ayrshire Economic Joint Committee in terms of approving funding.

The Cabinet agreed (a) to approve the allocation of £1m towards the funding proposal from the Council's Ayrshire Growth Deal (AGD) budget for i3; (b) to the Council being project lead for the proposal and; (c) that, if the project was successful in securing external funding, the detailed proposals would be submitted to Cabinet for final approval.

10. Award of contract for Adult Community Support Services

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on the outcome of the procurement exercise for the delivery of Adult Community Support services.

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

- the payment of the real living wage by all successful bidders;
- the impact on the workforce of an ongoing dispute between Cornerstone and Unison; and
- provision for Council to continually assess contracts through the Contracts Management Framework.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the award of framework contracts to Key Housing Association Ltd.; The Richmond Fellowship Scotland Ltd., Cornerstone Community Care (trading as Cornerstone), Affinity Trust, Hansel Alliance, Quarriers, Enable Scotland (Leading the way) and North Ayrshire Forum on Disability/Access Ability.

11. Note of Award of Contract during Recess –Nursery Extension to St Peter's Primary School, Ardrossan

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on the result of the tender exercise for the Nursery Extension to St Peter's Primary School, Ardrossan.

The Cabinet agreed to note the award of the contract to W.H. Kirkwood Limited during recess.

12. Note of Award of Contract during Recess – Internal and External Alterations to Friars Lawn Sheltered Housing Unit, Kilwinning (Lot 1) and Garrier Court Sheltered Housing Unit, Springside (Lot 2)

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on the result of the tender exercise for the Internal and External Alterations to Friars Lawn Sheltered Housing Unit, Kilwinning (Lot 1) and Garrier Court Sheltered Housing Unit, Springside (Lot 2).

The Cabinet agreed to note the award of the contract to McTear Contracts Ltd (Lot 1) and D. McLaughlin & Sons Ltd T/A McLaughlin Construction (Lot 2) during recess.

13. Exclusion of the Public

Cabinet resolved in terms of Section 50(A)4 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude from the Meeting the press and the public for the following item of business on the grounds indicated in terms of Paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

14. Disposal of Unit 65, Third Avenue, Irvine

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on the disposal of Unit 65, Third Avenue, Irvine.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the recommendation as detailed in the report.

The Meeting ended at 3.20 p.m.