

Cabinet
10 November 2015

IRVINE, 10 November 2015 - At a Meeting of the Cabinet of North Ayrshire Council at 2.30 p.m.

Present

Willie Gibson, Alan Hill, Marie Burns, Anthea Dickson and Tony Gurney.

Also Present

Donald Reid.

In Attendance

L. Friel, Executive Director and M. McTeague, Category Manager/Team Leader - Supplies and Services (Finance and Corporate Support); C. Hatton, Executive Director, D. Hammond, Senior Manager (Energy and Sustainability), T. Fitzsimmons, Divisional Manager and P. Kelly, Temporary Principal Officer Community Safety Services (Place); C. McAuley, Head of Service (Economic Growth) and G. Robson, Senior Employability and Skills Manager (Economy and Communities); A. Fraser, Head of Democratic Services, G. Hamilton, Provost's Office Co-ordinator, M. Sugden, Communications Officer and D. McCaw, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's).

Chair

Councillor Gibson in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

John Bruce and Ruth Maguire.

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 held on 27 October 2015 was confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Draft Local Biodiversity Action Plan for North Ayrshire 2015-18

Submitted report and received a presentation by the Executive Director (Place) on the Draft Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) for North Ayrshire 2015-18 for publication. The findings of the public consultation, together with the recommended revisions to the draft LBAP, were detailed at Appendix 1 to the report.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) note the consultation responses to the Draft Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) detailed at Appendix 1 to the report; and (b) approve the revised LBAP detailed at Appendix 2 for publication.

4. Transformation Phase 2

The Cabinet received a presentation by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on the next stages of the transformation programme and on areas requiring additional planning, prioritisation, resourcing and support.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information on:-

- the additional transformation activity targets and timelines for delivery of ambitions;
- the need for community involvement to assist with behavioural changes; and
- how progress will be managed going forward and on bi-annual future reports to Cabinet.

Noted.

5. Provost's Civic Events Budget and Fundraising Activity

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on (a) the Provost's Civic Events Budget expenditure to date with £1,463.85 uncommitted to the end of the financial year; and (b) details of the Provost's fundraising activity from May 2015, totalling £7,978.29.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) note the Provost's Civic Events Budget expenditure to date; and (b) receive an update in 6 months.

6. Skills Investments

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on the progress of the £1M investment in skills approved previously, focusing on the roll-out of Employability Hubs.

Members asked a question and were provided with further information in relation to several other Councils across Scotland who are looking at co-location hub initiatives.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) note (i) the latest plans for the £1M skills investments; and (ii) the update provided on Stevenston Employability Hub; and (b) approve the strategy which will inform the further development and roll-out of a hubs network.

7. Gypsy/Travellers - Unauthorised Encampments

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on the findings of the exercise to identify suitable locations for a short stay/transit site for Gypsy/Travellers.

The Cabinet agreed (a) to note the outcome of the exercise to identify suitable locations for a short stay site; (b) that, at this time, due to the reduction in the number of unauthorised encampments, it is not necessary to develop an additional site; and (c) to approve that the Gypsy/Traveller cross service working group should continue to monitor the situation.

8. North Ayrshire Antisocial Behaviour Strategy 2015-18

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on the Antisocial Behaviour Strategy 2015-18, detailed at Appendix 1 to the report.

Members were advised of the following amendments for addition to the Strategy:-

- An additional outcome measure indicator 7.d - Street Cleanliness Index - % Clean; and
- Provision of a contact number for Streetscene in the key contacts page.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the Antisocial Behaviour Strategy 2015-18, as detailed at Appendix 1 to the report and subject to the additions intimated.

9. Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) Review

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on the delivery of the SHIP 2015-2020 and seeking approval to revise and update the SHIP development programme for submission to the Scottish Government.

Members asked a question and were provided with further information on consultation undertaken with residents in relation to the Canal Court and Glencairn House sheltered housing projects.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) note the current progress in delivering the SHIP 2015-2020; and (b) approve the proposed revisions at section 3.1 of the report, for submission to the Scottish Government for consideration.

10. Award of Framework – Framework Agreement for the Provision of Business Support Consultancy Services

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate) on the result of the tender exercise for the Framework Agreement for the Provision of Business Support Advisory Services.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the award of the Framework Agreement to the suppliers detailed below:

- Lot 1 General Financial Advisory Services to AMAS Scotland Ltd, CEIS Ayrshire, Robert J Hart and Co and Lanarkshire Enterprise Services Ltd;
- Lot 2 Provision of a 2 day Strategy Workshop to Connect Three Solutions, Nexus, Lanarkshire Enterprise Services Ltd, Russell MacLeod and UXL Ltd;
- Lot 3 General Business Strategy Advice to Nexus, Jill Connell, Connect Three Solutions, Lanarkshire Enterprise Services Ltd and CEIS Ayrshire;
- Lot 4 Marketing Advisory Support to Russell Ferguson Marketing, Nexus, Sales and Marketing Solutions, RPL Marketing and Lanarkshire Enterprise Services;
- Lot 5 Procurement Support to CEIS Ayrshire, Intend Business Development and JI Management Ltd;
- Lot 6 ICT Advisory Support to Targeting Innovation and NVT Computing Ltd;

- Lot 7 Training Advice to Connect Three Solutions, CEIS Ayrshire, Business Success Partner ad Maureen Johnstone Associates;
- Lot 8 Environmental Advice to Crichton Carbon Centre, Albion Environment Ltd, Filkin and Co EHS Ltd, Marbett Associates and Wren and Bell;
- Lot 9 Tourism Advice to Russell Ferguson Marketing Ltd, Tourism Resources Company and Waverley Management Consultants;
- Lot 10 Human Resources Advice to Wright HR, Connect Three Solutions, Maureen Johnstone Associates and McKerral Consultants; and
- Lot 11 Leadership Development Advice to Connect Three Solutions, CEIS Ayrshire, Business Success Partners, Morrill PMC Ltd and Eglinton.

11. Exclusion of the Public

The 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 items of business on the grounds indicated in terms of Paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

11.1 Surplus Property - Former Montrose House, Glencloy, Brodick, Isle of Arran

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on the Council's former care home at Montrose House, Glencloy, Brodick.

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

The meeting ended at 3.30 p.m.