

Cabinet  
30 April 2024

**IRVINE**, 30 April 2024 - At a Meeting of the Cabinet of North Ayrshire Council at 2.30 p.m.

**Present**

Marie Burns, Tony Gurney, Margaret Johnson and Shaun Macaulay,

**In Attendance**

R. McCutcheon, Executive Director (Place); D. Hammond, Executive Director, R. Leith, Head of Service (Communities and Housing); C. Cameron, Director, T. Bowers (Head of Service (Mental Health) (Health and Social Care Partnership); A. McClelland, Head of Service (Education); M. Boyd, Head of Service, (Finance), F. Walker, Head of Service (People & ICT) (Chief Executive's Service); and A. Craig, Head of Service, I. Hardy, Team Manager (Policy and Performance), M. Sugden, Communications Officer (Communications) H. Clancy, and C. Stewart, Committee Services Officers (Democratic Services).

**Apologies**

Alan Hill and Christina Larsen

**Chair**

Marie Burns in the Chair.

**1. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Standing Order 11 and Section 5 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

**2. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 19 March 2024 were confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

**3. Ayrshire Shared British Sign Language Plan (BSL) 2024 – 2030**

Submitted a report by the Head of Service (Democratic Services) on the Council's partnership approach to developing and implementing the Ayrshire Shared British Sign Language Plan (BSL) 2024 – 2030 with the Plan set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the Ayrshire Shared British Sign Language Plan (BSL) 2024 – 2030 set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

**4. Proposals for Community Investment Fund (CIF) Expenditure**

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Communities and Housing) to determine applications by Locality Partnerships to allocate CIF funding to proposed projects with the Application set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the CIF application in relation to the Largs Scottish Women's Institute (SWI) set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

## **5. Armed Forces Covenant Duty**

Submitted a report by the Director (Health and Social Care Partnership) on the new Armed Forces Covenant Duty 2021. The Statutory Guidance on the Armed Forces Covenant Duty was set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

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

- the range of services in place to support veterans including the Veterans First Point that provides a central point in North Ayrshire for veterans to access a wide range of services and support and connects with local community groups; and
- further information and updates from the National Advisory Group established to provide oversight to the Veterans Mental Health and Wellbeing pathway.

The Cabinet agreed to note (i) the new Armed Forces Covenant Duty and the Statutory guidance in respect of the new Act and; (ii) how the Council has responded to its obligations under the new Act and guidance with the current support provided to the Armed Forces and Veterans.

## **6. Review of early learning and childcare (ELC) hourly rate for funded providers**

Submitted a report by the Head of Service (Education) to further increase the sustainable rate of payment to funded providers of early learning and childcare (ELC) in North Ayrshire.

The Cabinet agreed to (i) a revised increase in the current hourly rate paid by the Council to funded providers from 1st of April 2024; and (ii) receive a further report in advance of the next annual review of the sustainable rate for funded providers.

## **7. Urgent Items**

There were no urgent items.

The meeting ended at 2.50 p.m.