

Commercial Services Committee
20 March 1996

Irvine, 20 March 1996 - At a Meeting of the Commercial Services Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

Present

Thomas Dickie, Peter McNamara, Patrick Browne, James Clements, John Donn, Jospeh McKinney, Alan Munro, Irene Oldfather, David O'Neill, Robert Rae, and Samuel Taylor.

In Attendance

The Director of Commercial Services, the Head of Catering/Cleansing (Kenneth Wilson), the Principal Officer (Accounting and Budgeting) (John Hair), a Corporate policy Officer (Shona King) and an Administration Officer (Jim Bannatyne).

Chair

Mr. Dickie in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

George Steven.

1. Minutes Confirmed

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 7 February 1996, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed.

2. Scheme of Delegation to Committee

Submitted report by the Chief Executive, copies of which had previously been circulated, on the Scheme of Delegation to the Commercial Services Committee which was approved by the Corporate Strategy Committee at their Meeting on 27 February 1996.

The Committee agreed to adopt the Scheme of Delegation.

3. Service Delivery Plan

Submitted report by the Director of Commercial Services on plans for the delivery of services within the Commercial Services Directorate from 1 April 1996, copies of which had previously been circulated.

The Committee agreed after discussion (a) to approve the service delivery plans; (b) that the Director of Commercial Services investigate the position regarding the completion of the new Castlepark Primary School and the reinstatement of the adjoining ground.

4. Programme of Site Visits

Submitted report by the Director of Commercial Services on arrangements for site visits to service units on the afternoons of 27 and 28 March 1996. Copies of the report had previously been circulated.

The Committee agreed to approve the proposed programme of visits.

5. Supply Contracts

Submitted report by the Director of Commercial Services, copies of which had previously been circulated, on the action taken to extend certain supply contracts for operational reasons.

The Committee agreed to approve this course of action.

6. List of Selected Contractors

Submitted report by the Director of Commercial Services, copies of which had previously been circulated, on the proposed interim measures for the selection of contractors and the preparation of a list of selected contractors.

The Committee agreed (a) to continue the use of the lists of contractors currently used by the Regional and District Councils, on an interim basis; and (b) to instruct the Director of Commercial Services to prepare a revised list for future use and report.

7. School Crossing Patrols

Submitted reports by the Director of Commercial Services, copies of which had previously been circulated, on (a) the outcome of discussions with Strathclyde Police seeking their ongoing support in relation to School Crossing Patrols; and (b) the action taken since the Meeting to ensure a smooth takeover in this service.

The Committee agreed (a) to welcome the commitment shown by Strathclyde Police to continue the provision of absence cover and assistance with requisite training for school crossing patrol personnel; and (b) to otherwise note the terms of both reports.

8. School Meals Provision

Submitted report by the Director of Commercial Services, copies of which had previously been circulated, on progress regarding the proposed introduction of a pilot card scheme at Irvine Royal Academy for the purchase of school meals.

Considerable discussion ensued on the name for the new card and the Committee considered that the school pupils themselves should be asked for their views.

The Committee agreed (a) to approve the action taken to date regarding the introduction of the scheme at Irvine Royal Academy; and (b) to seek suggestions on the card name from pupils at the Academy; and (c) to authorise the Director of Commercial Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair to determine and implement the most suitable suggestion.

9. Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse

Submitted letter dated 28 February 1996 from the Scottish Office Agriculture, Environment and Fisheries Department, copies of which had previously been circulated, enclosing a final draft of the proposed text of the revised Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse.

The Committee agreed to authorise the Director of Commercial Services, in consultation with the Chair, to frame an appropriate response by the 12 April 1996 deadline.

10. Commercial Services Directorate

Submitted report by the Director of Commercial Services on progress in relation to the occupation of Nobel House and staff recruitment.

The Committee agreed to note the progress to date.

11. ADLO Annual Seminar 1996: Invitation

Submitted invitation to ADLO Annual Seminar 1996 entitled "Networking for Change" to be held in the Guildhall, Swansea from 4-7 June 1996.

The Committee agreed to authorise the Chair and Director of Commercial Services, or their nominees, to attend.

12. ADLO: North Ayrshire Council Membership

The Committee were advised that a formal application had been submitted on behalf of North Ayrshire Council for membership of ADLO at national and regional levels. Membership has now been confirmed and an invoice will be forwarded to North Ayrshire Council in April of this year.

The Committee agreed to homologate the action taken.

The Meeting ended at 2.40 p.m.