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AYRSHIRE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 1400 HRS BY VIDEO CONFERENCE

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: Councillor Joe Cullinane, North Ayrshire Council; Euan Baird, Senior Policy Officer, Scottish Government; Councillor Siobhan Brown, South Ayrshire Council; Councillor Marie Burns, North Ayrshire Council; Councillor Brian Connolly, South Ayrshire Council; Councillor Tom Cook, East Ayrshire Council; Douglas Cowan, Area Manager, Highlands and Islands Enterprise; Alastair Dobson, Managing Director, Taste of Arran; Simon Foster, Director of Engineering, Spirit Aerosystems; Councillor Alex Gallagher, North Ayrshire Council; Donald Gillies, Director - Place, South Ayrshire Council; Andrea Glass, Regional Skills Planning Lead (South West Scotland and Forth Valley), Skills Development Scotland; Craig Hatton, Chief Executive, North Ayrshire Council; Councillor Peter Henderson, South Ayrshire Council; Eileen Howat, Chief Executive, South Ayrshire Council; Fiona Lees, Chief Executive, East Ayrshire Council; Hisashi Kuboyama, Development Manager (West of Scotland), Federation of Small Businesses; Councillor John McGhee, East Ayrshire Council; Alan McGregor, Professor of Economic Development, University of Glasgow; Alex McPhee, Depute Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer: Economy and Skills, East Ayrshire Council; Mark Newlands, Head of Partnerships, Scottish Enterprise; Councillor Douglas Reid, East Ayrshire Council; Marcus Ross, Executive Director of Strategic Planning and Development/Marketing, Recruitment and Engagement, University of West of Scotland; Malcolm Roughead, Visit Scotland; Val Russell, Chief Executive Officer, Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce; Carol Turnbull, Principal, Ayrshire College; and Karen Yeomans, Executive Director, Economy and Communities, North Ayrshire Council.

OFFICERS PARTICIPATING: Allison Craig, Programme Manager, Ayrshire Growth Deal, South Ayrshire Council; Theo Leijser, Service Lead - Economy and Regeneration, South Ayrshire Council; Caitriona McAuley, Head of Economic Growth, North Ayrshire Council; David McDowall, Interim Head of Planning and Economic Development, East Ayrshire Council; James Miller, Senior Planning Services Manager, North Ayrshire Council; and Julie Nicol, Service Lead, Planning and Building Standards, South Ayrshire Council.

PARTICIPATING: Gillian Hamilton, Democratic Services Officer, East Ayrshire Council.

APOLOGIES: Katie Hutton, Director of National Training Programmes, Skills Development Scotland; Alison Irvine, Director of Transport, Strategy and Analysis, Transport Scotland; Craig Mahoney, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, University of West of Scotland and Milan Radosavljevic, Vice-Principal, Research, Innovation and Engagement, University of West of Scotland.

CHAIR: Councillor Joe Cullinane, North Ayrshire Council.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

1. The Board agreed to pass the following Resolution:- “That under Section 50A(3A) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the Press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that if

members of the public were present, there would be a real and substantial risk to public health due to infection or contamination with coronavirus”.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

2. It was agreed, subject to approval of the Joint Committee, to appoint Councillor Peter Henderson, South Ayrshire Council as Chair of the Ayrshire Economic Partnership Board from the date of the next meeting up until September 2021.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3. There were submitted and approved as a correct record, subject to an amendment to reflect apologies from Councillor Marie Burns, North Ayrshire Council and Hisashi Kuboyama, Development Manager (West of Scotland), Federation of Small Businesses, the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 June 2020 (circulated).

MATTER ARISING

- 3.1 It was noted that progress was being made by the Executive Group under the governance arrangements established to oversee the development of an economic recovery plan, as part of our economic strategy, in response to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the economy. A detailed report on proposals for business support would come forward from the Executive Group to the next meeting of the Partnership Board.

AYRSHIRE GROWTH DEAL - PROGRAMME UPDATE

4. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer: Economy and Skills, East Ayrshire Council which advised on the progress of the Ayrshire Growth Deal and the development of its component projects as at 24 August 2020 and set out the principal Ayrshire Growth Deal package of documents for consideration and agreement by the Joint Committee prior to formal joint sign off by the three Councils and by the UK and Scottish Governments. The report also provided the draft spend profile for the Deal over its lifetime. This was a draft estimate based on current activities and implementation plans and would be subject to review as Outline Business Cases (OBCs) were finalised. This profile would also be subject to negotiation with both the UK and Scottish Governments and would form a key part of the Deal documents which would require to be signed prior to full Deal implementation.

Arising from discussion it was noted:-

- that a minor textual amendment required to be made to the Deal Document, as highlighted at the meeting;
- that each project had its own risk register (including mitigations), subject to regular review and update. A programme risk register was also being maintained by the PMO and would be reported to each Partnership Board and Joint Committee meeting. It was confirmed that the key strategic risk related to the potential consequences of the final decision on Brexit was receiving attention;
- that planning was underway to support arrangements for the (virtual) Deal Document Signing Event in September 2020 and to reach a wider audience; and

- to note that substantial work was being carried out on project interdependencies and alignment strategies.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the updates provided in the report;
- (ii) to note the progress across the Ayrshire Growth Deal Programme;
- (iii) to note the key elements of work that should be concluded prior to Growth Deal implementation;
- (iv) to note the tentative date of late September 2020 for signing of the Ayrshire Growth Deal and that both UK and Scottish Governments remained fully committed to the growth deals programme across Scotland;
- (v) to note the Agreement between East, North and South Ayrshire Councils;
- (vi) to note the Ayrshire Growth Deal Communications Action Plan for 2020/21;
- (vii) to note the progress with the design and development of an Ayrshire Growth Deal website; and
- (viii) otherwise to note the report.

INDICATIVE AYRSHIRE REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY

5. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Service Lead (Planning and Building Standards), South Ayrshire Council on behalf of the Chief Executives of South, East and North Ayrshire Councils which advised on the requirement for and progress made on the preparation of a Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) for Ayrshire.

Arising from discussion it was noted:-

- that the Community Wealth Building aspect of the iARSS was welcomed;
- that the AGD investment was expected to unlock around £300m of private investment and 7,000 new jobs across a wide range of sectors and, in doing so, transform the local economy for the benefit of all our people and places;
- that the iARSS had been reported to East and North Ayrshire Councils in advance of submission to the Scottish Government and South Ayrshire Council would consider the iARSS on 15 September 2020; and
- that the iARSS was well presented and readable. This was important for community understanding and investment in the iARSS, particularly given the emphasis on Community Wealth Building and, would be reflected in communications going forward.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the requirement to prepare a Regional Spatial Strategy;
- (ii) to note the contents of the Indicative Ayrshire Regional Spatial Strategy appended to the report; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING

6. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Chief Executive, North Ayrshire Council, which provided an update on Community Wealth Building in Ayrshire and confirmed the participation of East Ayrshire Council and South Ayrshire Council

representatives in the Community Wealth Building Commission. The link to the North Ayrshire Community Wealth Building Strategy is here:- <https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/Documents/nac-cwb-strategy-brochure.pdf>

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the update on Community Wealth Building in Ayrshire;
- (ii) to note that work was currently underway to explore the need for a Community Bank based on a cooperative model, potentially at a West of Scotland level. It was confirmed that consideration would be given to any opportunity to engage the Credit Union in this workstream;
- (iii) to receive a further report on the Community Wealth Building Anchor Charter at the next meeting of the Partnership Board; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the report.

AYRSHIRE REGIONAL AEROSPACE AND SPACE GROUP (ARASG)

7. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Lead of the Regional Aerospace/ Space Group which provided an update on progress made by the Ayrshire Regional Aerospace and Space Group (ARASG).

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the progress made with establishing the ARASG;
- (ii) to endorse the approach set out by the ARASG to supporting the aerospace sector;
- (iii) to note the opportunity to establish an aircraft decommissioning centre of excellence at Prestwick Airport and the related challenges around funding for enabling infrastructure, all as detailed in the report and appendices. The ARASG would seek further clarification on funding and continue to develop the detailed business case should funding be available; and
- (iii) otherwise to note report.

REGIONAL VISITOR ECONOMY

8. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Chair of the Regional Visitor Economy Group, which provided an update on the work of the Regional Visitor Economy Group and next actions.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the formation of the Regional Visitor Economy Group and its identified priorities and workstreams around Marketing, Digital (in particular the need to develop online booking capacity); Product/Experiences, Destination Management Organisation and Skills;
- (ii) to support the establishment of an Ayrshire Destination Management Organisation (DMO) in principle and that further work be undertaken to develop a business case for consideration at the next meeting of the Partnership Board;
- (iii) to note the issue highlighted at the meeting around the increase in motor homes/camping in South Ayrshire and the associated lack of

infrastructure/facilities. The Scottish Government proposed to review this window of opportunity from a strategic perspective; and

- (iv) otherwise to note the report.

FREEPORTS

9. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Chief Executive, North Ayrshire Council which provided an update on developments regarding the establishment of Freeports in the UK, including the Ayrshire Regional Economic Partnership's response to the recent UK Government Department for International Trade consultation on Freeports.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the consultation response appended to the report;
- (ii) that officers engage with officials in both the UK and Scottish Governments to influence the development of Freeport policy;
- (iii) to note the general reservations expressed at the meeting in relation to Freeports and to receive an update on progress with (ii) above at the next meeting of the Partnership Board; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

COVID-19: AYRSHIRE'S FOOD AND DRINK SECTOR - FROM EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO RECOVERY AND RENEWAL

10. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Lead of the Food and Drink Sector Group which analysed the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on Ayrshire's food and drink sector and set out the steps which now required to be taken in partnership to support its recovery and renewal, ensuring that this represented a key component of our wider economic ambitions for Ayrshire.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the economic impact of Covid-19 on Ayrshire's food and drink industry, one of our key sectors;
- (ii) to note the efforts made by the three Councils and other stakeholders, working in partnership to protect and support our food and drink businesses as part of our emergency response;
- (iii) to note the partnership working opportunity with Scotland Food and Drink, Scottish Government and the associated funding requirements in respect of the two proposed Food Tourism Co-ordinator posts which would be considered by each Council to authorise the £6,666 match funding for the 1 year appointment;
- (iv) to note the steps being taken in partnership to support the longer-term recovery and renewal of this sector via the establishment of a Food and Drink Sector Support Group; and
- (v) otherwise to note the report.

IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON LABOUR MARKET AND SKILLS (AYRSHIRE)

11. There was submitted a joint report dated September 2020 (circulated) by the Regional Skills Planning Lead, Skills Development Scotland, Vice-Principal Curriculum and

Executive Director of Strategic Planning and Development/Marketing, Recruitment and Engagement, University of West of Scotland which highlighted the impact of Covid-19 on the labour market and skills and identified the steps needed to support recovery and renewal within the context of the wider economic ambitions for Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the impact of Covid-19 on the labour market and skills (Ayrshire) and to support the next steps in the report towards an immediate response and short to medium term Regional Skills Investment Plan (RSIP);
- (ii) to note the governance and monitoring role of the Executive Group in relation to this activity;
- (iii) to note that the Head of Economic Growth, North Ayrshire Council would share their “Recovery and Renewal” approach with SDS;
- (iv) to note that a longer-term strategy should also be considered; and
- (v) otherwise to note the report.

DRAFT MEETINGS CALENDAR

- 12.** It was agreed that future meetings of the Partnership Board would be held as follows:-

Friday, 29 January 2021 at 1400 hours;
Thursday, 29 April 2021 at 1400 hours;
Thursday, 19 August 2021 at 1400 hours; and
Thursday, 4 November 2021 at 1400 hours.

The meeting terminated at 1558 hrs.



North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership
Minute of the Virtual Integration Joint Board meeting held on
Thursday 19 November 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

Present

Councillor Robert Foster, North Ayrshire Council (Chair)
Bob Martin, NHS Ayrshire and Arran (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Timothy Billings, North Ayrshire Council
Adrian Carragher, NHS Ayrshire and Arran
Councillor Anthea Dickson, North Ayrshire Council
Jean Ford, NHS Ayrshire and Arran
John Rainey, NHS Ayrshire and Arran
Councillor John Sweeney, North Ayrshire Council

Alison Sutherland, Interim Chief Officer
Caroline Cameron, Head of Service (HSCP Finance and Transformation)
David MacRitchie, Chief Social Work Officer
David Thomson, Interim Head of Service (Health and Community Care)
Dr. Louise Wilson, GP Representative

David Donaghey, Staff Representative (NHS Ayrshire and Arran)
Louise McDaid, Staff Representative (North Ayrshire Council)
Graham Searle, Carers Representative (Depute for Marie McWaters)
Clive Shephard, Service User Representative
Vicki Yuill, Third Sector Representative
Janet McKay, Chair, Garnock Valley HSCP Locality Forum

In Attendance

Thelma Bowers, Head of Mental Health
Janet Davies, IJB Professional Lead for Psychology
Eleanor Currie, Manager (HSCP Finance and Transformation)
Neil McLaughlin, Manager (Performance and Information Systems)
Karen Andrews, Team Manager (Governance)
Angela Little, Committee Services Officer

Apologies for Absence

Marie McWaters, Carers Representative

1. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed Alison Sutherland, Head of Service (Children, Families and Criminal Justice) to her new role as Interim Chief Officer for the Integration Joint Board.

He advised that the recruitment process for the Director post is well underway. The Recruitment Panel will meet this week to shortlist and select candidates for interview, with interviews being arranged thereafter.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in terms of Standing Order 7.2 and Section 5.14 of the Code of Conduct for Members of Devolved Public Bodies.

3. Minutes/Action Note

The accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 October 2020 were confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

4. Director's Report

Submitted report by the Interim Chief Officer on developments within the North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership.

The report provided an update on the following areas:-

- Impact of Covid19 on children and young people in contact with Youth Justice Services including secure care;
- Revised National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland;
- Independent Review of Adult Social Care;
- Redesign of Urgent Care;
- MH Unscheduled Care and Flow Navigation Hubs;
- Extreme Teams CAMHS;
- Dirrans Centre: Investors in People Awards Finalists;
- Covid Update and general updates;
- Adult Social Care Preparedness Plan; and
- Flu Immunisation Programme.

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

- The provision of a report on Flow Navigation Hubs to a future meeting;
- A restock of vaccine supplies that has enabled a re-start of the Flu Immunisation Programme; and
- HSCP submission on the Independent Review of Adult Social Care that will be circulated to IJB members and the findings of the review that will be published in January 2021 and reported to the IJB thereafter.

The Board agreed (a) that the Head of Service (HSCP Finance and Transformation) circulate to Members, the HSCP submission on the Independent /Review of Adult Social Care; (b) to receive reports on the Flow Navigation Hubs and the findings of the Independent Review of Adult Social Care at a future meeting; and (c) to congratulate the Dirrans Centre on reaching the finals of the Investors in People Awards 2020.

5. Financial Performance: Period 6

Submitted report by Caroline Cameron, Chief Finance & Transformation Officer on the financial position of the North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership.

Appendix A to the report provided the financial overview of the partnership position, with detailed analysis provided in Appendix B. Details of the savings plan were provided at Appendix C. Appendix D outlined the movement in the overall budget position for the partnership following the initial approved budget and the mobilisation plan submission was provided at Appendix E to the report.

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

- Funding allocations that will be published by the Scottish Government on 28 January 2021;
- Robust workforce plans that are in place to examine skills mix, hard to fill and specialist vacancies and savings from staff turnover to ensure structures are reviewed in line with budget gaps;
- Phase 3 Mobilisation Plan that will include a review of capacity to provide rehabilitation and long Covid; and
- Two national benchmarking groups that examine the National Resource Allocation Committee split.

The Board agreed to (a) note (i) the overall integrated financial performance report for the financial year 2020-21 and the overall projected year-end underspend of £0.377m at period 6; (ii) the estimated costs of the Covid mobilisation plan of £7.656m, including savings delays, and the associated funding received to date; and (iii) the financial risks for 2020-21, including the impact of Covid 19, and that there is no recommendation at this time to implement a formal Financial Recovery Plan for the IJB; and (b) approve the budget changes outlined at section 2.8 of the report.

6. Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report

Submitted report by David MacRitchie, Chief Social Work Officer on the Annual Report of the Chief Social Work Officer to the local authority covering the period April 2019 to March 2020. Appendix 1 to the report detailed the statutory, governance and leadership functions of the role and highlighted:-

- the most recent SIMD figures (2020) which reaffirmed the challenges faced by many communities in North Ayrshire in the domains of Income, Employment, Education and Housing;

- the impact of Covid19 on people and communities in North Ayrshire, which saw an initial reduction in referrals in child and adult protection, an increase in referrals to helplines such as Parentline, the National Domestic Abuse Helpline and Breathing Space and an increase in referrals in all aspects as lockdown restrictions became less stringent; and
- the new Health and Social Care Partnership structures including examples of innovative service delivery approaches to the delivery of Social Work Services.

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

- Wellbeing Hubs and a Staff Wellbeing Listening Service that are in place to provide support to staff;
- Suicide prevention work by the Strategic and Operational Group;
- Work with schools and young people on mental health issues, including suicide prevention;
- Monitoring of overdose and suicide trends prior to and throughout the pandemic and the provision on a report on trends to a future meeting;
- A reduction in referral rates and a restructure of staff to focus on preventative work and protection services;
- Community Mental Health and Wellbeing funding for Councils and further funding to support young people through Covid and beyond.

The Board agreed (a) to note and endorse the Chief Social Worker's Annual Report; and (b) that the Interim Head of Service (Health and Community Care) provide a report on trends around overdose/suicide to a future meeting.

7. Delivering Care at Home and Housing Support Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Care Inspectorate Inquiry into Decision Making and Partnership Working

Submitted report by David MacRitchie, Senior Manager on an inquiry led by the Care Inspectorate into decision making and partnership working for care at home and housing support services during the COVID-19 pandemic between March 2020 and August 2020. The Care Inspectorate recommendations, and the proposed actions were attached at Appendix 1 to the report. Appendix 2 provided the full Care Inspectorate Report.

The Board agreed to (a) note the recommendations identified by the Care Inspectorate inquiry; and (b) approved the actions proposed in response to the recommendations as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report

8. Strategic Plan

Submitted report by Michele Sutherland, Partnership Facilitator on progress in creating a bridging strategic plan to April 2021 with a supporting vision to 2030. The report highlighted the outcomes of a review of the existing strategic priorities, areas of focus and review, findings from an initial analysis of needs and the commencement of the North Ayrshire Wellbeing Conversation.

The Board agreed to (a) note the progress in creating the bridging Strategic Plan; (b) approve the undertaking of further needs assessment work to promote the North Ayrshire Wellbeing Conversations across their networks; and (c) receive a first draft of the bridging plan in February 2021.

9. Health and Social Care Clinical and Care Governance Group Update

Submitted report by David Thomson, Associate Nurse Director/IJB Lead Nurse which provided an update and overview on governance activity for the period April – September 2020 and reflected on specific issues that have been requested for presentation by the Clinical Care Governance Group (CCGG) to ensure appropriate challenge is made and assurance provided.

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

- The establishment of an NHS management group to examine a sustainable service and areas such as including staff wellbeing; and
- Three year funding that has been awarded for clinical psychology input and allowed the creation of a new psychologist post to assist in meeting increasing demand.

The Board agreed to note the report.

10. Scottish Government Waiting Times Standard for Psychological Therapies

Submitted report by Janet Davies, IJB Professional Lead for Psychology on the progress of the Ayrshire and Arran Psychological Therapies performance against the waiting times standard in the context of Covid-19 and advised that improvement actions and trajectories are currently being reviewed in the context of current demand, capacity and Covid constraints.

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

- An increased range of Scottish Government supported digital options and a pilot that will allow computer based cognitive behavioural therapy for children;
- Positive feedback from families and clinicians on remote and digital delivery of services.

The Board agreed to note the waiting times compliance and the improvement plans.

11. Strategic Planning Group Minutes

Submitted the Minutes of the Strategic Planning Group meeting held on 22 September 2020.

Noted.

The meeting ended at 11.55 a.m.

Cabinet (Education)
8 December 2020

At a Meeting of the Cabinet of North Ayrshire Council at 2.30 p.m. involving participation by remote electronic means.

Present

Joe Cullinane, John Bell, Robert Foster, Alex Gallagher, Louise McPhater and Jim Montgomerie; and Jacqui MacKenzie (Teaching Representative), Andrew Bruce, and Babs Mowat (Church Representatives) (Agenda Items 1-3).

In Attendance

C. Hatton (Chief Executive), M. Boyd, Head of Service (Finance) (Chief Executive's); R. McCutcheon, Executive Director, J. Barrett, Senior Manager (Homeless and Community Safety), A. MacKenzie, Development Manager (Regeneration), (Place); A. Sutton, Executive Director (Interim), A. McClelland, Head of Service (Education) and R. Arthur, Head of Service (Interim) (Connected Communities) (Communities); C. Cameron, Head of Service (HSCP Finance and Transformation) (HSCP); and A. Fraser, Head of Service, M. McColm, Senior Manager (Communications), J. Hutcheson, Senior Communications Officer, E. Gray and H. Clancy, Committee Services Officers (Democratic Services).

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. Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 10 November 2020 was confirmed and the Minutes authorised to be signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Local Education Phasing Delivery Plan (Revised)

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Communities) on the revised North Ayrshire Local Education Phasing Delivery Plan as set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to the provision of devices for pupils who are unable to attend school due to Covid-19, the expected demand for devices and how these will be funded.

The Cabinet unanimously agreed to (a) approve the revised Local Education Phasing Delivery Plan; and (b) note the continued progress made in response to Scottish Government legislation.

4. Public Performance Reporting 2019/20

Submitted a report by the Head of Democratic Services on 2019/20 public performance reporting and the draft Annual Public Performance Report 2019/2020. The Council's performance indicators were set out at Appendices 1 and 2 of the report and the draft Annual Public Performance Report 2019/2020 at Appendix 3.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to future performance reports and how new initiatives, such as Community Wealth Building, would be assessed.

The Cabinet unanimously agreed to (a) approve the draft Annual Public Performance Report 2019-20; and (b) note (i) the status of the Council's performance indicators; and (ii) that the report would also be referred to the Audit and Scrutiny Committee for further consideration.

5. Safer North Ayrshire Strategy 2020-2025

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Place) on the priorities detailed within the Safer North Ayrshire Strategy 2020-2025 as set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

The Cabinet unanimously agreed to approve (a) the priorities detailed within the Safer North Ayrshire Strategy 2020-2025; and (b) the implementation thereof.

6. Town Centre Fund 2020-2021

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Place) on the allocation of recently announced additional Town Centre Funding.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to the sites identified for the asset acquisition, development and environmental works project and the consultation process around this.

The Cabinet unanimously agreed to approve the approach set out, including the allocation of funds to support the acquisition and improvement of vacant/derelict sites, and projects in Millport, Dalry, Stevenston and Kilbirnie.

7. Community Asset Transfer Applications

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Communities) on proposals to transfer the ownership of Almswall Pavilion and Football Ground, Kilwinning and the former Cleansing and Grounds Maintenance Depot, Ladysmith Road, Kilbirnie Public Park. Locations plans for the sites were set out at Appendices 1 and 2 to the report.

The Cabinet unanimously agreed to (a) approve (i) the asset transfer of Almswall Pavilion and Football Ground, Kilwinning from North Ayrshire Council to Scottish Incorporated Charitable Organisation (SCIO), "Kilwinning Community Football Academy"; (ii) the recommended terms of transfer on this occasion at 10% of the property valuation of £62,000 (£6,200 in total); (iii) the 25-year lease of the former Cleansing and Grounds Maintenance Depot, Ladysmith Road, Kilbirnie Public Park from North Ayrshire Council to the Scottish Incorporated Charitable Organisation

(SCIO), “Garnock Valley Men’s Shed”; and (iv) the recommended terms of lease on this occasion at 5% of the normal annual fee of £8,000 (£400 per annum in total); and (b) authorise officers to conclude the associated legal and community asset transfer process.

8. HSCP Budget Monitoring Report

Submitted a report by the Director (Health and Social Care Partnership) on the projected financial outturn for the financial year as at September 2020 as set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

The Cabinet unanimously agreed to note the projections set out in the report.

The Meeting ended at 3.10 p.m.

Licensing Committee
9 December 2020

At a Meeting of the Licensing Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 10.00 a.m. involving participation by remote electronic means.

Present

Ronnie McNicol, Todd Ferguson, Robert Barr, John Easdale, Jean McClung, Davina McTiernan and Donald L. Reid.

In Attendance

W. O'Brien, Solicitor (Licensing), A. Toal, Administrative Assistant (Licensing) and D. McCaw, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's Service).

Also in Attendance

Inspector Alison Wilson and Sergeant Scott Barrie (Police Scotland).

Chair

Councillor McNicol in the Chair.

Apologies

Scott Gallagher and Angela Stephen.

1. Chair Remarks

The Chair agreed, in terms of Standing Order 9.4, to vary the order of business with regard to Agenda Item 3, to allow consideration of TL/406: Russell Drummond prior Taxi Driver's Licence: TDL/00144: Sarah Connolly, as there was a delay in Ms. Connolly joining the meeting.

2. 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.

3. Minutes

The Minutes of (i) the Ordinary Meeting held on 18 November 2020 and (ii) the Special Meeting held on 25 November 2020 were confirmed and signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

4. Exclusion of the Public

The Committee resolved, under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude from the Meeting the press and the public, for Agenda Items 5 and 6 (Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and other Licensing Statutes: Licensing Matters) on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of Exempt Information as defined in Section 50J of, and Schedule 7A to, the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

The 'Exempt Information' concerned is information of the type described in one or more of Paragraphs 3, 6, 14 and 15 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Act:

3. "Information relating to any particular applicant for, or recipient or former recipient of, any service provided by the authority."
6. "Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (other than the authority)."
14. "Any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime."
15. "The identity of a Protected Informant" - where "Protected Informant" is defined in Part III as a person who informs the Local Authority about a past, present or future crime, breach of statutory duty, breach of planning control, or nuisance."

5. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and other Licensing Statutes: Licensing Matters

Submitted report by the Head of Democratic Services on hearings to be determined and applications for the grant or renewal of licences, consents and permits, on hearings and on other matters, under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and other Licensing legislation.

Appendix A: Hearings

5.1 Metal Dealer's Licence: MDL/066 (New): James Downey

The Committee at its meeting held on 18 November 2020 agreed to continue this application to the next meeting to allow additional information to be obtained from Durham County Council.

Councillor Easdale joined the meeting at this point.

The applicant, having been duly cited to attend, joined the meeting at this point.

The Solicitor (Licensing) set out for the Committee the additional information received from Durham County Council.

Councillor McClung, seconded by Councillor Ferguson, moved that the Committee grant the application for a period of 3 years, subject to the Council's standard conditions in terms of Paragraph 5(1)(a) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982. There being no amendment, the motion was declared carried.

The applicant left the meeting at this point.

Appendix B: Applications for Licences/Renewal of Licences

5.2 TL/406: Russell Drummond

The Committee unanimously agreed to grant the application as an exemption to the Council's Vehicle Specification Policy.

Appendix A: Hearings

5.3 Taxi Driver's Licence: TDL/00144: Sarah Connolly

The Solicitor (Licensing) advised the Committee of a request from Police Scotland for the revocation/suspension of the licence in terms of Paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

The licence-holder, having been duly cited to attend, joined the meeting at this point accompanied by her partner Mr. Colin McGregor.

The Solicitor (Licensing) set out the background to the Hearing as previously intimated in writing to the licence-holder. The representatives from Police Scotland then addressed the Committee in respect of the revocation/suspension.

Thereafter the licence-holder addressed the Committee on the issues raised and responded to questions.

The licence-holder, her partner and representatives from Police Scotland then withdrew to allow the Committee to deliberate. Thereafter the licence-holder and her partner re-joined the meeting, with the same Members and Officers present and in attendance, with the exception of Police Scotland, to hear the Committee's decision.

Decision

Councillors McNicol and Barr left the meeting briefly due to a connection issue and rejoined prior to the decision.

Councillor Ferguson, seconded by Councillor Reid, moved that the Committee revoke the licence in terms of Paragraph 11(2) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, with immediate effect. There being no amendment the motion was declared carried.

The licence-holder and her partner left the meeting at this point.

6. Urgent Items: Appendix B

The Chair agreed that the following item be considered as a matter of urgency to allow the matter to be actioned without delay.

6.1 Taxi Driver's Licence: TDL/00563: John Laverty

Police Scotland rejoined the meeting at this point.

Councillor Ferguson, seconded by Councillor Reid, moved that the Committee should be satisfied that good cause had been shown for the Application for Renewal having been made after the expiry of the Licence, and that accordingly the Licensing Authority should deem the Application for Renewal to be an Application made before the expiry, in terms of Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, Schedule 1, Paragraph 8(5A). There being no amendment, the motion was declared carried.

The meeting ended at 11.25 a.m.

Staffing and Recruitment Committee
9 December 2020

At the Meeting of Staffing and Recruitment of North Ayrshire Council at 2 p.m. involving participation by remote electronic means.

Present

Joe Cullinane, John Bell, Marie Burns, Alan Hill, Tom Marshall, Donald L Reid, Louise McPhater (Item 5 only) and Jim Montgomerie (Item 4 only)

In Attendance

C. Hatton, Chief Executive, R. McCutcheon, Executive Director (Place) (Item 4 only) and F. Walker, Head of Service (People & ICT).

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. Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Staffing and Recruitment Committee held on 21 June 2019 was confirmed and the Minute and signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Exclusion of the Public and Press

The Committee resolved, in terms of Section 50A(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 that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

4. Head of Service (Commercial)

The Committee considered applications for position of Head of Service (Commercial) and agreed that 3 candidates would progress to the next stage of the recruitment process.

5. Executive Director (Communities & Education)

The Committee considered applications for position of Executive Director (Communities & Education) and following consideration the committee resolved to progress 3 candidates to the next stage of the recruitment process.

The Meeting ended at 2.45pm



North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership
Minute of virtual Integration Joint Board meeting held on
Thursday 17 December 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

Present

Councillor Robert Foster, North Ayrshire Council (Chair)
Bob Martin, NHS Ayrshire and Arran (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Timothy Billings, North Ayrshire Council
Adrian Carragher, NHS Ayrshire and Arran
Councillor Anthea Dickson, North Ayrshire Council
Jean Ford, NHS Ayrshire and Arran
Councillor John Sweeney, North Ayrshire Council

Alison Sutherland, Interim Chief Officer
Caroline Cameron, Chief Finance and Transformation Officer
Dr Callum Morrison, Acute Services Representative
Alistair Reid, Lead Allied Health Professional Adviser
David Thomson, Associate Nurse Director/IJB Lead Nurse
Dr. Louise Wilson, GP Representative

David Donaghey, Staff Representative (NHS Ayrshire and Arran)
Louise McDaid, Staff Representative (North Ayrshire Council)
Graham Searle, Carers Representative (Depute for Marie McWaters)
Clive Shephard, Service User Representative
Glenda Hanna, Independent Sector Representative
Vicki Yuill, Third Sector Representative
Janet McKay, Chair, Garnock Valley HSCP Locality Forum

In Attendance

Joe Cullinane, Leader, North Ayrshire Council
Thelma Bowers, Head of Mental Health
Michelle Sutherland, Partnership Facilitator
Neil McLaughlin, Manager (Performance and Information Systems)
Mhairi McCandless, Clinical Project Coordinator (NSAIS)
Karen Andrews, Team Manager (Governance)
Angela Little, Committee Services Officer
Euan Gray, Committee Services Officer

Apologies for Absence

John Rainey, NHS Ayrshire and Arran
Marie McWaters, Carers Representative

1. Chair's Remarks

The Chair advised that interviews for the post of Director of North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership would be taking place today and tomorrow and he hoped to be able to advise of the outcome shortly.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in terms of Standing Order 7.2 and Section 5.14 of the Code of Conduct for Members of Devolved Public Bodies.

3. Minutes/Action Note

The accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2020 were confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

4. Community Wealth Building

The Leader of the Council provided a presentation on Community Wealth Building (CWB). CWB aims to enhance local wealth and the creation of fair jobs, maximising the potential of all our places through working in partnership with our communities and businesses.

The presentation provided information on:-

- CWB Strategy Objectives – Community Wealth Building Council, procurement, fair employment, land and assets financial power and plural ownership of the economy;
- Progressing CWB via the CWB Commission, 9 new CWB roles, £8.8m Investment Fund, CB Expert Advisory Panel, Ayrshire Growth Deal and the Anchor Charter
- Anchor institutions to develop resilient and inclusive local economies;
- The NHS as an Anchor institution and opportunities from local spend through commissioned services, SMEs, social enterprises and co-operatives, employment and training and HSCP's role in renewal.

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

- The opportunity for the HSCP to sign the Anchor charter as a stand-alone body;
- The role of Business Support in the procurement process to enhance local spend;
- Procurement opportunities for the Third Sector to secure more public sector contracts;
- Involvement of the third Sector in the CWB network;
- A community bank that would offer a range of services including mortgages and business loans; and
- The examination of recruitment process by Anchor institutions to maximise local employment.

Noted.

The Leader left the meeting at this point.

5. Director's Report

Submitted report on developments within the North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership.

The report provided an update on the following areas:-

- Flu vaccinations and Covid Vaccination Programme (FVCV)
- Spreading some festive cheer with the Ghillie Dhu Crew;
- Connecting Scotland;
- Christmas Present Appeal;
- Mental Welfare Commission announced visit;
- Dirrans Centre- Investors in People Awards;
- Covid Update;
- Updates since the last IJB on the Care Oversight Group, Delayed Discharges, the operation of services within the Partnership and the PPE Hub;
- Testing Expansion Plan;
- Care Home Visitor Testing – Early Adopter Sites;
- Social Care Covid19 Bonus Payment; and
- Sustainability Payments – Care Homes.

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

- The vaccination of 380 care home staff in the first week of the programme at Ayr and Crosshouse hospitals and the positive feedback from the Vaccination Team on the care home staff who were professional, courteous and polite;
- The range of factors that are considered when assessing where to deploy the Mobile Vaccination Team, such as planning and co-ordinating the first and second vaccination visits to Care Homes, staggering vaccinations in each Care Home to ensure adequate staffing levels in the event any staff experience side-effects, confirmation that consent is in place for 25 residents within each Care Home to ensure the whole vaccination batch is used, and bespoke arrangements that will be made for Arran and Cumbrae;
- A further alert to staff to be aware of scams targeting those receiving the £500 bonus payment.

The Board agreed to (a) congratulate the Dirrans Centre on their fantastic achievement in winning the Platinum employer of the Year Award at the Investors in People Awards 2020; and (b) otherwise note the report.

6. Financial Performance

Submitted report by Caroline Cameron, Chief Finance & Transformation Officer on the financial position of the North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership.

Appendix A to the report provided the financial overview of the partnership position, with detailed analysis provided in Appendix B. Details of the savings plan were provided at Appendix C. Appendix D outlined the movement in the overall budget position for the partnership following the initial approved budget and the mobilisation plan submission was provided at Appendix E to the report.

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

- Savings to be achieved in Learning Disabilities;
- A review of care packages that will be undertaken to ensure support is at the appropriate level;
- The re-opening of respite for those at highest risk and alternative supports available in the community;
- The continuation of occupancy payments to providers until March 2021;
- Meetings arranged with Providers to discuss recovery plans and advice and guidance available from the Business Support Team;
- An additional member of staff for the Hospital Assessment Team to manage Care Home waiting lists and identify need earlier;
- Fair access agenda to manage the waiting times for those in the community waiting on a Care Home place;
- Monitoring of Covid activity in Care Homes by the Care Home Oversight Group and the importance of communication and building relationships with Care Home Managers; and
- Further detailed information that will be provided to Members at the January IJB Briefing

The Board agreed to note (a) the overall integrated financial performance report for the financial year 2020-21 and the overall projected year-end underspend of £0.807m at period 7; (b) the updated estimated costs of the Covid mobilisation plan of £8.5m, including savings delays, and the associated funding received to date; and (c) the financial risks for 2020-21, including the impact of Covid 19, and that there is no recommendation at this time to implement a formal Financial Recovery Plan for the IJB.

7. Budget Outlook 2020/21

Submitted report by Caroline Cameron, Chief Finance & Transformation Officer on the Budget Outlook for 2020/21, highlighting the risks and providing an overview of the work ongoing to develop plans to allow a balanced budget to be presented to the IJB in March 2021. Appendix A to the report provided details of the estimated budget pressures.

The Board agreed to note the potential budget outlook for 2021-22 for North Ayrshire HSCP, including the work ongoing to develop plans to allow a balanced budget to be presented to the IJB in March 2021.

8. Ayrshire and Arran CAMHS Reform

Submitted report by Thelma Bowers, Head of Service (Mental Health) on the progress against a programme of significant CAMHS reform work being undertaken in Ayrshire and Arran and aligned with key national policy and local priorities. The Extreme Teaming Handbook was attached at Appendix 1 to the report,

The Board agreed to note (a) the content of the report for awareness and assurance, (b) the actions progressed to respond to challenges and opportunities with the commissioning of an Extreme Team approach; and (c) that recommendations from this work will be developed at pace and presented to the Commissioner and the Strategic and Operational Planning Group at the end of the year.

9. Distress Brief Intervention Update

Submitted report by Thelma Bowers, Head of Service (Mental Health) on the progress of Implementation of the Distress Brief Intervention Service. The report provided information on Penumbra, the local provider and funding for 2 years from the National Programme.

The Board agreed to (a) endorse and approve the implementation of the plan to support Distress Brief intervention across Ayrshire; and (b) to receive an update, including case studies, at a future meeting.

10. National Secure Adolescent Inpatient Service (NSAIS)

Submitted report by Mhairi McCandless, Clinical Project Coordinator (NSAIS) on the proposed name for the National Secure Adolescent Inpatient Service, launched in July 2020 and located within the grounds of Ayrshire Central Hospital.

The Board was advised that a newsletter will be circulated to the community in the next few weeks and plans are being made to publicise the new name 'Foxgrove'.

The Board agreed to approve the name of "Foxgrove" for the National Secure Adolescent Inpatient Service.

The meeting ended at 12 noon.

Staffing and Recruitment Committee
21 December 2020

At the Meeting of Staffing and Recruitment of North Ayrshire Council at 9.00 a.m. involving participation by remote electronic means.

Present

Joe Cullinane, John Bell, Marie Burns, Alan Hill, Tom Marshall, Donald L Reid and Louise McPhater.

In Attendance

C. Hatton, Chief Executive and F. Walker, Head of Service (People and ICT) (Chief Executive's).

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. Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Staffing and Recruitment Committee held on 9 December 2020 was confirmed and the Minute and signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Exclusion of the Public and Press

The Committee resolved, in terms of Section 50A(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 that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

4. Executive Director – Communities and Education

The Committee interviewed 3 candidates for the post of Executive Director (Communities and Education) and agreed to appoint Audrey Sutton to the post.

The meeting ended at 1.40pm.

Staffing and Recruitment Committee
22 December 2020

At the Meeting of Staffing and Recruitment of North Ayrshire Council at 9.00 a.m. involving participation by remote electronic means.

Present

Joe Cullinane, John Bell, Marie Burns, Alan Hill, Tom Marshall, Donald L Reid and Jim Montgomerie.

In Attendance

C. Hatton, Chief Executive, R. McCutcheon, Executive Director (Place) and F. Walker, Head of Service (People and ICT) (Chief Executive's).

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. Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Staffing and Recruitment Committee held on 21 December 2020 was confirmed and the Minute and signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Exclusion of the Public and Press

The Committee resolved, in terms of Section 50A(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 that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

4. Head of Service (Commercial)

The Committee interviewed 3 candidates for the post of Head of Service (Commercial) and agreed to appoint David Hammond to the post.

The Meeting ended at 1.00 p.m.

At a Special Meeting of the Cabinet of North Ayrshire Council at 2.30 p.m. involving participation by remote electronic means.

Present

Joe Cullinane, John Bell, Robert Foster, Alex Gallagher, Louise McPhater and Jim Montgomerie; and Jacqui MacKenzie (Teaching Representative), Andrew Bruce, and Babs Mowat (Church Representatives).

In Attendance

C. Hatton (Chief Executive), A. Sutton, Executive Director, and L. Taylor, Senior Manager (Resources and Infrastructure) (Communities); J. Hutcheson, Senior Communications Officer, E. Gray and H. Clancy, Committee Services Officers (Democratic Services).

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. Proposal to establish a new primary school at Montgomerie Park, Irvine

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Communities) on the proposal to establish a new Primary School at Montgomerie Park, Irvine. The Statutory Public Consultation Proposal Document and Appendices were set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

Cabinet members were reminded that an updated version of the Statutory Public Consultation Proposal Document and the proposed timeline had been circulated as a result of updated Covid-19 guidance.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to the how the Council's revenue budget would be affected by the project as well as its wider economic impact.

The Cabinet unanimously agreed to approve (a) the commencement of the statutory public consultation on 11th January 2020; (b) the inclusion of early learning and childcare (ELC) provision as part of the new school proposal; and (c) the revised timeline for the project.

The Meeting ended at 2.50 p.m.

**Local Review Body
8 January 2021**

At a Meeting of the Local Review Body of North Ayrshire Council at 10.00 a.m. involving participation by remote electronic means.

Present

Tom Marshall, Timothy Billings, Robert Barr, Ian Clarkson, Robert Foster, Christina Larsen, Shaun Macaulay, Ronnie McNicol and Donald Reid.

In Attendance

N. McIlvanney, Planning Adviser to the LRB (Growth & Investment); J. Law, Legal Adviser to the LRB (Legal Services); J. Miller, Chief Planning Officer (Place) and A. Little and H. Clancy, Committee Services Officers (Chief Executive's Service).

Also in Attendance

D. Wheelwright, R. Jackson, A. Neish, S. Mallinson, S. Taylor and I. Ali.

Apologies

Ellen McMaster

Chair

Councillor Marshall 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. Notice of Review: 19/00752/PP – Site To North West Of 10 Crompton Way North Newmoor Irvine

Submitted report by the Head of Service (Democratic Services) on a Notice of Review submitted by the applicant in respect of a planning permission refused by officers under delegated powers in respect of Planning Application 19/00752/PP – the erection of a Lidl foodstore with a sales area of up to 1,257 square metres to include the provision of access, car parking, landscaping and boundary treatment at the Site To North West Of 10 Crompton Way North Newmoor Irvine.

The Notice of Review documentation, Planning Officer's Report of Handling, Location Plan, Planning decision notice, further representations by interested parties, the applicant's response to further representations from interested parties and hearing statements from the applicant, interested parties and North Ayrshire Council Planning service, were provided as appendices to the report.

At its meeting on 26 October 2020, the Local Review Body agreed:

(a) to continue consideration of the Notice of Review to a future meeting to allow (i) a site visit to be undertaken, (ii) further written submissions to be provided, as set out above and (iii) for a hearing to be conducted in terms of the Hearing Session Rules set out in Schedule 1 of the Town and Country Planning (Schemes of Delegation and Local Review Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013;

(b) that, the hearing hear on the following specified matters from the applicant, officers of the Council's Planning Service, any interested party who made representations in relation thereto and in relation to: (i) the reasons for refusal of the Planning and (ii) an up to date view on the Retail Impact Assessment due to the current Covid-19 situation; and

c) that officers undertake all necessary notifications and any further procedure in terms of the said Rules.

In accordance with the hearing procedure and rules, the applicant, an officer of the Council's Planning Service and interested parties who made representations on the application were invited to attend the Hearing Session and to submit a Hearing Statement and supporting documentation in advance of the session.

The applicant and representatives, the Council's Planning Service and three interested parties then addressed the Local Review Body.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information on:

- other potential sites available;
- impact on existing local retail businesses;
- suggested upgrades to access routes, traffic calming and improvement measures at Stanecastle roundabout;
- Strategic Environmental Assessment objective for the Ayrshire Metals site;
- the Lamont Drive site previously acquired by Lidl but not developed;
- creation of potential jobs;
- rationale for Lidl using Invicta Public Affairs Ltd; and
- Lidl's contribution to improvements at Stanecastle Roundabout.

The Local Review Body agreed to continue consideration of the Notice of Review to a determination meeting.

The Meeting ended at 12:10 p.m.

Local Review Body 8 January 2021

At a Meeting of the Local Review Body of North Ayrshire Council at 12.30 p.m. involving participation by remote electronic means.

Present

Tom Marshall, Timothy Billings, Robert Barr, Ian Clarkson, Robert Foster, Christina Larsen, Shaun Macaulay, Ronnie McNicol and Donald Reid.

In Attendance

N. McIlvanney, Planning Adviser to the LRB (Growth & Investment); J. Law, Legal Adviser to the LRB (Legal Services); and E. Gray, A. Little and H. Clancy, Committee Services Officers (Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies

Ellen McMaster.

Chair

Councillor Marshall 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. Notice of Review: 19/00752/PP – Site To North West Of 10 Crompton Way North Newmoor Irvine

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The Notice of Review documentation, Planning Officer's Report of Handling, Location Plan, Planning decision notice, further representations by interested parties, the applicants response to further representations from interested parties, further written submissions from the applicant and North Ayrshire Council's Planning Service and the applicants response to the further written submissions were provided as appendices to the report.

At an earlier Hearing Meeting on 8 January 2021, the Local Review Body heard from the applicant and representatives, the Council's Planning Service and interested parties on specified matters and agreed to continue the Notice of Review to a determination meeting.

The Planning Adviser to the Local Review Body summarised the Notice of Review and further written submissions submitted by the applicant and North Ayrshire Council Planning Service, the Report of Handling submitted by the appointed officer, the representations received and policies affecting the application.

The Local Review Body unanimously agreed that enough information had been provided to determine the review request.

Councillor Marshall, seconded by Councillor McNicol, moved that the Local Review Body uphold the officer's decision and refuse planning permission on the following grounds:

- (a) The proposed development would be contrary to the Strategic Policy 1 Spatial Strategy (Towns and Villages Objective) and Policy 3 Town Centres and Retailing of the adopted North Ayrshire Council Local Development Plan, as the applicant has demonstrated a town centre first approach as required. The proposed site is not suitable for a large retail development as it would compete with the town centre and there are preferable sites available in, or close to the town centre;
- (b) The proposed development would be contrary to the Strategic Policy 2 Placemaking of the adopted North Ayrshire Local Development Plan as it would be neither distinctive in respect of scale, street, building form and material and does not create a place with a sense of place of identity nor in keeping with the predominantly residential character of the surrounding area; and
- (c) The proposed development would be contrary to Policy 27 Sustainable Transport and Active Travel of the adopted North Ayrshire Council Development Plan as the application would be for an out-of-centre retail development, encouraging car use, which would not take into account the need to mitigate and adapt to climate change with regard to the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009.

As an amendment, Councillor Foster, seconded by Councillor Larsen, moved that the Local Review Body uphold the review and grant planning permissions subject to conditions on the following grounds:

- (a) Retail sequential assessment - There are no sequentially preferable, suitable or available sites within the catchment area that can accommodate the application proposal;
- (b) Retail Impact - It will not have a significant adverse impact on the Irvine Town Centre;
- (c) Design and context of the proposal - The single-storey and high-quality contemporary design of this proposal is entirely consistent with its surroundings which are a mix of residential and commercial properties; and
- (d) Accessibility of the site by a range of transport choices – the site benefits from close access to bus stops which provide frequent bus services in and around Irvine and wider North Ayrshire.

On a division and a roll call vote, there voted for the amendment, Councillors Foster, Larsen and Macaulay (3) and for the motion, Councillors Barr, Billings, Clarkson, Marshall, McNicol and Reid (6), and the motion was declared carried.

Accordingly, the Local Review Body agreed to uphold the officer's decision and refuse planning permission.

The Meeting ended at 1.40 p.m.

Audit and Scrutiny Committee
12 January 2021

At a Meeting of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 10.00 a.m. involving participation by remote electronic means.

Present

Marie Burns, Margaret George, Alan Hill, Tom Marshall and Donald Reid.

In Attendance

A. Sutton, Executive Director and L. Taylor, Senior Manager (Communities and Education); J. Miller, Chief Planning Officer, Economic Development and Regeneration (Place); E. Currie, Interim Section 95 Officer (IJB)/Principal Manager (Finance) (Health and Social Care Partnership); and M. Boyd, Head of Finance and P. Doak, Senior Manager (Internal Audit, Risk and Fraud) (Finance and Corporate Support), A. Fraser, Head of Democratic Services, B. Quigley, Senior Manager (People and ICT) and E. Gray and D. McCaw, Committee Services Officers (Chief Executive's Service).

Chair

Councillor Burns in the Chair.

Apologies

Joy Brahim and John Sweeney.

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 Minutes of the Meeting of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee held on 17 November 2020 were confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Brexit) Update Report

Submitted report by the Head of Democratic Services on the current position regarding the UK's withdrawal from the European Union on 31 December 2020, detailing information on the agreed deal and risks in relation to the service sector and long-term economic impact.

Members asked a question in terms of the Scottish Government approach to Brexit funding and received information of the requirement for Councils to evidence where spending had been required and where there had been extra costs.

The Committee agreed to (a) note the current position in respect of the UK's withdrawal from the European Union; and (b) receive further information, either as a report to the next meeting of the Committee or as a Briefing for Members.

4. Public Performance Reporting 2019-20

Submitted report by the Head of Democratic Services on the 2019-20 public performance reporting and the draft Annual Public Performance Report 2019-20. Appendix 1 detailed the full set of performance indicators, showing 3 years of performance data, with Appendix 2 providing information on underperforming indicators. The full draft Annual Performance Report was attached at Appendix 3 to the report.

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

- the provision of additional narrative around the meaning of tariff scores;
- the drop in tariff score from 2017/18 to 2018/19 being attributed to the reduction in the number of subjects studied across North Ayrshire schools to 6;
- reversing the trend which will allow 7 subjects and additional learning opportunities to feed into future tariff scores; and
- a report being provided on the impact of the current cancellation of exams and ongoing assessment and moderation of subjects, once clarification is received from the SQA on how this would work locally and nationally.

The Committee agreed to (a) receive a report to a future meeting on the impact of the current cancellation of exams and ongoing assessment and moderation of subjects once clarity was received from the SQA; and (b) note (i) the status of the Council's performance indicators at Appendices 1 and 2 to the report and (ii) the draft Annual Public Performance Report 2019-20 set out at Appendix 3.

5. Planning Services Update: Former Seafield School, Eglinton Road, Ardrossan

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) updating on the position regarding the former Seafield School, Ardrossan.

The requirements of the Notice under Section 179 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 were met in September 2020. The boarding on the windows was further vandalised and broken by 12 September 2020 with further reports of vandalism and unauthorised entry since that date. Planning Services advised of this and further steps to secure the property.

Discussions in relation to bricking up the windows have also taken place with the landowners verbally stating they planned to start such works in the New Year. To date this work has not commenced on site.

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

- the feasibility of protecting the building if it could be so easily vandalised; and
- other steps which could be taken through Planning legislation to address amenity issues.

The Committee agreed to (a) note (i) the Planning Services actions to date in respect of the property; (ii) the owner's compliance with the terms of the Notice; and (b) receive a further update to a future meeting.

6. Health and Social Care Partnership: Budget Monitoring Report

Submitted report by the Director, Health and Social Care Partnership on the financial position for the partnership and outlining the projected financial outturn position for the financial year as at October 2020. The budget monitoring report and Appendices, which were presented to the IJB on 17 December 2020, were attached as an Appendix to the report.

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

- the pressures which would be put on the NHS in the next couple of months;
- current staff absence numbers resulting in a limited workforce and the resultant use of bank staff;
- claims to the Scottish Government in terms of significant additional costs as part of the Covid return; and
- lessons learned from the pressures in March 2020.

The Committee agreed to note (i) the overall integrated financial performance report for the financial year 2020-21 and the overall projected year-end underspend of £0,807m at Period 7, (ii) the updated estimated costs of the Covid mobilisation plan of £8.5m, including savings delays, and the associated funding received to date and (iii) the financial risks for 2020-21, including the impact of Covid-19 and the fact that there was no recommendation at this time to implement a formal Financial Recovery Plan for the IJB.

7. Internal Audit Plan 2021-2022

Submitted report by the Head of Finance on the proposed Internal Audit Plan for 2021-22. The Appendix to the report contained the detailed audit plan including intended commencement dates for each audit.

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

- the reserve audit list showing areas where no activity had been undertaken due to Covid restrictions; and
- the external audit of local community council accounts to ensure they had been properly prepared.

The Committee agreed to (a) approve the Internal Audit Plan for 2021-22 in line with the indicators and targets detailed at section 2.8 of the report.

8. Internal Audit Reports Issued

Submitted report by the Head of Finance on the findings of Internal Audit work completed during November and December 2020. The findings from one audit assignment were detailed at Appendix 1 to the report, together with the respective executive summary and action plan.

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

- ipads and laptops within schools on Airwatch, the mobile device management system;
- the auditing process developed for decommissioning ipads in the future;
- historical reasons regarding weak password controls;
- continuing issues around cloning when transferring equipment from one person to another;
- action plan assurances and how these plans would be maintained in future;
- the recognised need for ICT training and development across schools;
- communications which had already been issued to Head Teachers and ICT Technicians to quickly address some actions;
- the initiation of a review of education ICT policies and procedures around longer-term actions; and
- information to be issued to Members on ipad and laptop numbers and locations within the core structure, including a comparison between January 2020 and January 2021, which figures would not include digital deprivation devices as these were treated differently.

The Committee agreed to (a) note the outcomes from the Internal Audit work completed as set out in the report; and (b) receive an update report on progress with actions to a future meeting.

9. Exclusion of the Public – Para 1

The Committee 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 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

10. Community Investment Fund Application: Radio City Association

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Communities and Education) on the findings of an Internal Audit review of the Radio City Association Community Investment Fund application.

Noted.

The meeting ended at 11.35 a.m.

Licensing Committee
13 January 2021

At a Meeting of the Licensing Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 10.00 a.m. involving participation by remote electronic means.

Present

Ronnie McNicol, Todd Ferguson, Robert Barr, John Easdale, Scott Gallacher, Jean McClung, Davina McTiernan and Donald L. Reid.

In Attendance

W. O'Brien, Solicitor (Licensing), A. Toal, Administrative Assistant (Licensing) and D. McCaw, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's Service).

Chair

Councillor McNicol 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. Minutes

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9 December 2020 were confirmed and signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Review and Fixing of Taxi Scales (Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, Sections 17 to 18A)

Submitted report by the Head of Democratic Services on the proposed timetable for the Review and Fixing of Taxi Scales in accordance with Section 17 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (as amended by the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010).

The Committee agreed to (a) approve the timetable for the review process as set out in the Appendix to the report; and (b) meet virtually with the Trade to carry out Trade Consultation (Stage (a)) on Wednesday 3 February 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

4. Exclusion of the Public

The Committee resolved, under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude from the Meeting the press and the public, for Agenda Items 5 and 6 (Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and other Licensing Statutes: Licensing Matters) on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of Exempt Information as defined in Section 50J of, and Schedule 7A to, the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

The 'Exempt Information' concerned is information of the type described in one or more of Paragraphs 3, 6, 14 and 15 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Act:

3. "Information relating to any particular applicant for, or recipient or former recipient of, any service provided by the authority."
6. "Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (other than the authority)."
14. "Any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime."
15. "The identity of a Protected Informant" - where "Protected Informant" is defined in Part III as a person who informs the Local Authority about a past, present or future crime, breach of statutory duty, breach of planning control, or nuisance."

5. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and other Licensing Statutes: Licensing Matters

Submitted report by the Head of Democratic Services on hearings to be determined and applications for the grant or renewal of licences, consents and permits, on hearings and on other matters, under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and other Licensing legislation.

Appendix B: Applications for Licences/Renewal of Licences

5.1 MDL/035 (Renewal): William Ledgerwood

The Committee agreed to (a) grant the application, subject to the Council's standard conditions in terms of Paragraph 5(1)(a) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982; and (b) issue a warning letter to the applicant.

5.2 MDL/069 (New): Michael Stevenston

The Committee agreed, on the basis of the information presented, to proceed to a Hearing in terms of Paragraph 4(2) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

5.3 TDL/01539 (Renewal): Gordon McKenzie

The Committee agreed to grant the application, subject to the Council's standard conditions in terms of Paragraph 5(1)(a) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

5.4 TDL/02180 (Renewal): Sharon Horn

The Committee agreed to grant the application, subject to the Council's standard conditions in terms of Paragraph 5(1)(a) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

5.5 TDL/02272 (New): Kenneth A Salmon

The Committee agreed, on the basis of the information presented, to proceed to a Hearing in terms of Paragraph 4(2) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

5.6 TL/428 (New): Russell Drummond

The Committee agreed to delegate to the Solicitor (Licensing) to grant the Taxi Licence application as an exception to the Taxi Numbers Limitation Policy subject to (i) presentation of a suitable car; and (ii) the Council's standard conditions in terms of Paragraph 5(1)(a) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

6. Urgent Items

The Chair agreed that the following item be considered as a matter of urgency to allow the matter to be actioned without delay.

6.1 Application by North Ayrshire Women's Aid for Extension of a Temporary Exemption Order

The Solicitor (Licensing) set out the background to a request for an extension of a Temporary Exemption Order from the need to have a 'House in Multiple Occupation' (HMO) Licence in terms of Section 142(6) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006.

The Committee agreed to grant the extension of a Temporary Exemption Order for the period Monday 1 March 2021 to Monday 31 May 2021, both dates inclusive.

6.2 Police House on Arran

The Committee agreed to delegate powers to the Solicitor (Licensing) to grant an extension to the temporary HMO when required by Police Scotland.

The meeting ended at 11.20 a.m.

Cabinet
26 January 2021

At a meeting of the Cabinet of North Ayrshire Council at 2.30 p.m. involving participation by remote electronic means.

Present

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

In Attendance

C. Hatton (Chief Executive), M. Boyd, Head of Service (Finance) and D. Forbes, Senior Manager (Financial Management) (Chief Executives); R. McCutcheon, Executive Director, Y. Baulk, Head of Service (Physical Environment), D. Hammond, Head of Service (Commercial), C. McAuley, Head of Service (Economic Development and Regeneration), J. Cameron, Senior Manager (Housing Strategy and Development) and A. Piatek-Bednarek, Senior Manager (Energy & Sustainability) (Place); A. Sutton, Executive Director and R. Arthur, Head of Service (Connected Communities) (Communities); C. Cameron, Director (HSCP); A. Fraser, Head of Service, A. Beveridge, Communications Officer, E. Gray and H. Clancy, Committee Services Officers (Democratic Services).

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. Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 8 December 2020 and the special meeting on 22 December was confirmed and the minutes authorised to be signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Revenue Budget 2020/21 : Financial Performance to 30 November 2020

Submitted a report by the Head of Service (Finance) on the financial performance for the Council at 30 November 2020. Budget reports for each service and the Housing Revenue Account were set out at Appendices 1-6 of the report, a summary of virement/budget adjustment requests at Appendix 7 and an overview of the IJB's financial performance as at Period 7 at Appendix 8.

Members requested and were given confirmation that the financial impact of the Covid-19 pandemic would continue to be assessed and reported to the Cabinet.

The Cabinet unanimously agreed to note (i) the overall integrated financial performance report for the financial year 2020-21 and the overall projected year-end underspend of £0.807m at period 7; (ii) the updated estimated costs of the Covid mobilisation plan of £8.5m, including savings delays, and the associated funding received to date; and (iii) the financial risks for 2020-21, including the impact of Covid 19, and the fact that there was currently no recommendation to implement a formal Financial Recovery Plan for the IJB.

4. Capital Programme Performance to 31 March 2021

Submitted a report by the Head of Service (Finance) on the progress in delivering the Capital Investment Programme for 2020/21 as set out at Appendix 1 to the report. The HRA Capital Statement was set out at Appendix 2.

The Cabinet unanimously agreed to (a) approve the revisions to budgets outlined in the report; and (b) note (i) the General Services and HRA revised budgets at 30 November 2020; and (ii) the forecast expenditure to 31 March 2021.

5. Supporting North Ayrshire Together – Our Response to the Coronavirus Pandemic and Progress Report (Council Plan Progress Update – Quarter Two 2020-21)

Submitted a report by the Head of Service (Democratic Services) on the response so far to the Covid-19 pandemic and performance against the Council Plan 2019-24 as at Quarter Two 2020-21. The report on the Council's response to the Coronavirus pandemic was set out at Appendix 1 to the report, the Council Plan Performance Indicators at Appendix 2 and the Council Plan Performance Indicators Exceptions at Appendix 3.

The Cabinet unanimously agreed to (a) approve the performance of the Council Plan as at 30 September 2020 (b) note the Council's response to the Covid-19 pandemic to date; and (c) submit the report and appendices to Audit and Scrutiny Committee for consideration at the next available meeting.

6. Land at Dalry Road, Kilwinning

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Place) on the disposal of undeveloped land at Dalry Road, Kilwinning to Ayrshire College. A location plan detailing the land to be sold was set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

The Cabinet unanimously agreed to approve the disposal of the undeveloped land at Dalry Road, Kilwinning, detailed within Appendix 1 to the report, to Ayrshire College for a nominal consideration of £1 to support the development of the Ayrshire College Future Skills Hub.

7. Solar PV Farm Proposal

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Place) on the outcome of investigations into the potential and viability of developing a ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) farm as part of the environmental road map to achieve net-zero carbon by 2030.

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

- the Council's post-pandemic energy needs and whether this had formed part of the discussion around the proposal;
- grid capacity in the area and the progress made in terms of negotiating access;
- the impact of the Ayrshire Growth Deal projects would have on the demand for grid use in the area; and
- the benefits around using a sleeving agreement.

The Cabinet unanimously agreed to:

- (a) note the investigations into the viability of constructing ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) farms on Council owned land at two former landfill sites at Nethermaines and Shewalton;
- (b) approve the development of a solar PV farm installation at Nethermaines former landfill site;
- (c) note the Nethermaines solar PV farm proposal would require an estimated total initial investment of £6.768m which would be part funded utilising £4.5m of capital funding from the Council's approved £8.8m Investment Fund;
- (d) that the remaining required funding of £2.268m would be included in the proposed refreshed Capital Investment Plan to be considered by Council in March 2021 as part of the budget setting process;
- (e) note the options available for revenue generation from the energy created from the proposed Nethermaines solar PV farm and authorise the Executive Director of Place together with the Head of Finance to further investigate and conclude final contractual arrangements;
- (f) note the associated community benefits funding that the project would create for disbursement under existing policy and mechanisms; and
- (g) note that the potential for a Shewalton solar PV farm and other renewable energy opportunities would continue to be investigated and would be reported to a future Cabinet.

8. Estate Based Regeneration Programme: Demolition of low demand housing stock in the Garnock Valley

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Place) on the progress with the proposal to demolish 48 flatted properties across four streets in Beith, Dalry and Kilbirnie.

The Cabinet unanimously agreed to note (i) the progress to date on the proposal and the ongoing tenant engagement and rehousing exercise in place for the affected tenants; and (ii) the projects identified which would replace the 48 units within the Garnock Valley.

9. North Ayrshire's 2030 Woodland: A Tree Planting Strategy

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Place) on the proposed 'North Ayrshire's 2030 Woodland: A Tree Planting Strategy' set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

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

- the potential to support local businesses by using them for planting works and how this linked with the Council's Community Wealth Building strategy;
- the importance of choosing the appropriate trees in relation to their surroundings and identifying suitable areas to plant; and
- the feasibility of using strategic planting to provide areas with wind and flood relief.

The Cabinet unanimously agreed to approve to the proposed 'North Ayrshire's 2030 Woodland: A Tree Planting Strategy'.

10. North Ayrshire Food Growing Strategy

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Place) and the Executive Director (Communities) on the proposed food growing strategy for North Ayrshire as set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

The Cabinet unanimously agreed to approve the proposed Food Growing Strategy and action plan.

11. Proposals for Community Investment Fund (CIF) Expenditure

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Communities) on an application by the Three Towns Locality Partnership to allocate CIF funding to proposed.

The Cabinet unanimously agreed to approve the CIF application in relation to Ardrossan Community Sports Hub in the sum of £43,320.

The Meeting ended at 3.45 p.m.

Planning Committee
27 January 2021

At a Meeting of the Planning Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m. involving participation by remote electronic means.

Present

Tom Marshall, Timothy Billings, Robert Barr, Ian Clarkson, Robert Foster, Christina Larsen, Ellen McMaster, Ronnie McNicol and Donald Reid.

In Attendance

R. McCutcheon, Executive Director (Place); J. Miller, Chief Planning Officer, K. Gee, Technician and L. Dempster, Technician (Planning); A. Craig, Senior Manager (Legal Services); and A. Little and H. Clancy, Committee Services Officers (Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies

Shaun Macaulay.

Chair

Councillor Marshall in the Chair.

1. Declarations of Interest

In terms of Standing Order 10 and Section 5 of the Code of Conduct, Councillor Billings, as the applicant, declared an interest in Agenda Item 5.1 (20/01108/PP: Katlin, Lamash, Arran, KA27 8JT) and left the meeting for that item of business.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 2 December 2020 were confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. 20/00975/PP: Site To North Of Tarryholme Pond, Irvine

Irvine Housing Association have applied for a Section 42 planning application to amend condition 9 of the planning permission 19/00930/PPM at the site north of Tarryholme Pond, Irvine. No representations were received.

The Committee agreed to grant the application subject to the following conditions:

1. That, prior to the commencement of any building operations, the applicant shall submit for the written approval of North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority a detailed schedule of the proposed external finishes. Thereafter, the development shall be implemented only in accordance with such details as may be approved, unless otherwise agreed in writing with North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority.

2. That no development shall take place until there has been submitted to and approved by North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority a scheme of landscaping, which shall include details of species, planting densities, soil treatment and aftercare and shall include indications of all existing trees and hedgerows on the land and details of any to be retained together with measures for their protection in the course of the development.
3. That all planting, seeding or turfing comprised in the approved details of landscaping shall be carried out in the first planting season and seeding seasons following the occupation of the buildings or the completion of the development, whichever is the sooner; and any trees or plants which, within a period of five years from the completion of the development die, are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased shall be replaced in the next planting season with others of a similar size and species, unless North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority gives written consent to any variation.
4. That prior to the commencement of the development hereby approved, the applicant shall submit full details of the localised regrading for the written approval of North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority. For the avoidance of doubt, these details shall contain section drawings of the slope at appropriate intervals throughout its length, details of its construction and details of its finish. The development shall then progress in accordance with such details as may be approved.
5. That the ecological mitigation measures set forth on pages 22-23 of the "Tarryholme (Phase 2), Irvine Preliminary Ecological Appraisal" (document no. 8882) prepared by McTaggart Construction and issued on the 24th of October 2019, shall be fully implemented prior to and maintained during the construction of the development hereby approved, to the satisfaction of North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority.
6. That prior to the first occupation of the development hereby approved, a V-notch shall be cut into the detention basin to channel the flow into the large pond to the south of the basin in the event of the basin capacity exceeding the 1 in 200 years design flow, to the satisfaction of North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority.
7. That prior to the commencement of the development hereby approved, the applicant shall assess if a Detailed Air Quality Assessment is required to ensure that the development will not impact ambient air quality at any sensitive receptors and submit the findings to North Ayrshire Council. If required, a Detailed Air Quality Assessment will be submitted to the satisfaction of North Ayrshire Council prior to the commencement of the development.
8. That the presence of any significant unsuspected contamination that becomes evident during the development of the site shall be brought to the attention of North Ayrshire Council Environmental Health. Thereafter a suitable investigation strategy as agreed with North Ayrshire Council shall be implemented and any necessary remediation works carried out prior to any further development taking place on the site, all to the satisfaction of North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority.

9. That notwithstanding the plans hereby approved, details of an all abilities pedestrian/cycle link leading from the northwest of the site to the adjacent public footpath network shall be submitted for the written approval of North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority prior to the commencement of the development. Thereafter, such details as may be approved shall be implemented to the satisfaction of North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority prior to the occupation of the final five houses to be completed within the development.

4.1 20/01084/PP: 12 Kirkton Crescent, Millport, Isle of Cumbrae, KA28 0HJ

Mr Cameron McLaws has applied for planning permission for the erection of a detached dwelling house with associated parking and landscaping at 12 Kirkton Crescent, Millport, Isle of Cumbrae. 1 objection was received and summarised in the report.

The Committee agreed to grant the application subject to the following conditions:

1. That prior to the commencement of the development hereby approved, the applicant shall provide full details of the proposed finishing materials for the written approval of North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority. The development shall then progress in accordance with such details as may be approved to the satisfaction of North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority.
2. That prior to the commencement of the development hereby approved, the applicant shall obtain a valid construction consent, including Road Bond, for the upgrading of Kirkton Crescent to adoptable standards up to the driveway access to the dwellinghouse hereby approved. The road shall then be upgraded prior to the first occupation of the dwellinghouse to the satisfaction of North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority.
3. That prior to the commencement of the development hereby approved, the applicant shall provide details of an additional parking space to be provided on site, bringing the total number of on-site parking spaces to three, for the written approval of North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority. The parking spaces shall then be provided in accordance with such details as may be approved prior to the first occupation of the dwellinghouse.
4. That the first 2m of the driveway shall be hard surfaced to the satisfaction of North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority. No water surface shall issue from the driveway onto the public carriageway.
5. That no development shall take place until there has been submitted to and approved by North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority a scheme of landscaping, which shall include details of species, planting densities, soil treatment and aftercare and shall include indications of all existing trees and hedgerows on the land and details of any to be retained together with measures for their protection in the course of the development.

6. That all planting, seeding or turfing comprised in the approved details of landscaping shall be carried out in the first planting season and seeding seasons following the occupation of the buildings or the completion of the development, whichever is the sooner; and any trees or plants which, within a period of five years from the completion of the development die, are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased shall be replaced in the next planting season with others of a similar size and species, unless North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority gives written consent to any variation.
7. That, prior to the commencement of the development hereby approved, details of the heat and power systems for the house, which shall include low and/or zero carbon technologies to demonstrate that at least 10% of the current carbon emissions reduction set by Scottish Building Standards will be met, shall be submitted for the written approval of North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority. Thereafter, the development shall be implemented in accordance with such details as may be approved unless otherwise agreed in writing with North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority.

Councillor Billings left the meeting at this point.

5.1 20/01108/PP: Katlin, Lamlash, Isle of Arran, KA27 8JT

Mr Timothy Billings has applied for planning permission for the erection of a timber garden shed at 20/01108/PP: Katlin, Lamlash, Isle of Arran. No representations were received.

The Committee agreed to grant the application.

Councillor Billings re-joined the meeting at this point.

6 Scotland's Fourth National Planning Framework Position Statement

Submitted report by Executive Director (Place) on the preparation of the National Planning Framework 4 and the Council's response to the Scottish Government's latest Position Statement, with the Position Statement set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

The Chief Planning Officer highlighted the Position Statement signalled a key shift towards a net zero agenda and set out a proposed approach covering four key themes – net zero emissions, resilient communities, wellbeing economy and better greener places. The identified key opportunities, as set out in the Position Statement include: 20 minute neighbourhoods, re-use existing buildings rather than new developments, redevelopment of vacant and derelict land, support for town centres, restricting out-of-town for retail and leisure, low carbon living, low and zero carbon design and heating solutions, support renewable energy, support rural development, and expanding green infrastructure.

The Chief Planning Officer undertook to add the following under the Population Decline section of the Position Statement:

In addition, active travel opportunities and travel reliability on islands to address depopulation are important issues; the connectivity of our islands will play a key determining role in their economic recovery.

The Committee agreed to approve the Council's response to the Scottish Government's NPF4 Positions Statement set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

7 Transforming Places Together: Scotland's Digital Strategy for Planning

Submitted report by Executive Director (Place) on the digital transformation of the Scottish Planning System.

The Chief Planning Officer highlighted that the Scottish Government wished to develop a "world leading digital planning system" that helped connect people with their places to deliver a prosperous, green and fair country and a Digital Strategy for Planning has been published to achieve this. The strategy defines a long-term strategic direction for how Scotland's planning system will digitally transform, embracing the opportunities new digital technologies and data present. Benefits arising from the digital transformation of planning would include: creating an accessible, next generation online portal that provides easy access, in one place, to all information about planning, enabling communities to actively shape their places; improve the planning system for business and industry by creating more consistent, streamlined and coordinated planning processes; and the potential for local planning authorities to avoid costs and generate greater income.

Noted.

8 Planning Performance Framework

Submitted report by Executive Director (Place) on feedback from the Scottish Government on the 2019/2020 Planning Performance Framework, with the feedback set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

The Planning Performance Framework outlines case studies that demonstrate that North Ayrshire are a high-quality planning service (Part 1); provides a performance update in relation to development management, development planning, planning enforcement and development land (Part 2); and considers our service improvement actions (Part 3).

The Committee welcomed the positive feedback and commented favourably on the continued high performance of the Planning Service.

Noted.

The meeting ended at 2.45 p.m.

**Police and Fire and Rescue Committee
9 February 2021**

9 February 2021 - At a Meeting of the Police and Fire and Rescue Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m. involving participation by remote electronic means.

Present

John Glover, Ellen McMaster, Davina McTiernan, Donald L. Reid, and Angela Stephen.

In Attendance

A. Craig, Senior Manager (Legal Services), A. Little and H. Clancy, Committee Services Officers (Chief Executive's Service).

Also In Attendance

Chief Superintendent Hussain and Chief Inspector B. Shaw (Police Scotland); Area Commander I. McMeekin, K. Hankinson and J. Alexander (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

Chair

Councillor Glover in the Chair.

Apologies

Todd Ferguson and Jimmy Miller.

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 Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 27 October 2020 were confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

4. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 October 2020 were confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

5. Chair and Vice Chair Verbal Updates

The Chair advised of a successful meeting with Kilwinning residents and Police Scotland to consider traffic issues. A traffic survey was arranged, and a report would be forthcoming from Transport Scotland shortly. He commented on a recent robbery in Kilwinning that had resulted in an arrest.

He further advised of a recent press report where the Vice Chair, Councillor Miller, had stressed the importance of older people taking up the opportunity to be vaccinated. Reference was also made to local fire stations in rural areas providing their premises to the NHS to use as facilities for testing and vaccinations.

6. Presentation: Fire Safety Enforcement Activities

The Committee received a presentation from Area Commander McMeekin on Fire Safety Enforcement Activities, that included information on:-

- the composition of the Enforcement Team which was responsible for the five key areas of Fire Safety Enforcement, Fire Investigation, Community Safety Engagement, Fire Engineering; and Performance and Area Liaison;
- Part 3 of the Fire (Scotland) Act and the Fire Safety (Scotland) Regulations 2006 that came into force in October 2006;
- the Enforcement Framework that was risk based and targeted audits to a range of premises including, care homes, hospices, hospitals, hotels, houses in multiple occupation, premises where there had been excessive unwanted fire alarms and following up on complaints or intelligence from partner agencies; and
- statistical information and financial costs of fire incident activity and unwanted fire alarm signal activity from 2015 – 2020.

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

- Care Home audits planned and undertaken since 2006;
- good standards in place throughout the Care Home sector;
- virtual audits currently in place for Care Homes and visits to be made in the outcome of any incident; and
- regular audits to hotels and learning from incidents in other areas.

Noted.

7. Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Performance Report

Submitted report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) which provided information on the progress against the North Ayrshire Local Fire and Rescue Plan for the period 1 April 2020 – 31 December 2020. Appendix A to the report provided an analysis of the performance across six indicators, using the rolling three-year average as a basis of measuring performance.

Review of performance against the six indicators identified four indicators were below, one indicator is above, and one remained constant with no change in comparison to the three-year average. Two indicators had seen a reduction in the three-year average by more than 12% and two others had reduced by 4% and 1%. The statistical information illustrated reductions in the total number of incidents by 3%, which included primary and secondary fires decreasing by 19%. Data on Home Fire Safety Visits, Fire Safety Audits and the retained duty system was also provided within the report.

It was noted that Watch Commander Grant Colman had been appointed to a new rural full-time post to support on-call stations across the North Coast, Arran and Three Towns localities.

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

- mobile testing facilities that had been set up in Kilwinning and Dalry stations, with an appointment only system and an appropriate one-way traffic system that in place;
- partnership working with Public Health and the Army to set up facilities in five venues in Ayrshire to provide lateral flow testing for asymptomatic individuals, with a go live date planned for 22 February 2021;
- staffing of these facilities, that would include the use of recently retired staff, who would be fast tracked for vaccination;
- new fire regulations that had been deferred for one year and would require domestic dwellings to have interlinked smoke and heat alarms (either hardwired or via long-life battery-operated Bluetooth units);
- a presentation on Fire Home Safety Visits that could be provided to a future meeting of the Committee;
- further analysis that would be undertaken to ascertain the increase in accidental dwelling fire casualties in the Three Town area; and
- learning from the Community Hubs that had identified where the need and potential risk was in the community.

Noted.

8. Police Scotland Performance Report

Submitted report by Police Scotland on performance in relation to the North Ayrshire Local Police Plan for the period from 1 April 2020 to 31 December 2020..

The report provided details of North Ayrshire's performance including a 0.7% rise in the total number of crimes. The executive summary outlined progress in the priority areas of drug supply and misuse, violence and anti-social behaviour, dishonesty and road safety. Statistical and contextual information was provided in respect of recorded incidents that included: -

- Operation TALLA, Police Scotland's operational response to the pandemic and the use of the four Es approach – Engage, Explain, Encourage and Enforcement;

- the issue of 162 Fixed Penalty Notices in North Ayrshire for not adhering to COVID restrictions (although there was overall compliance with Covid restrictions by the residents of North Ayrshire);
- a reduction in sexual crimes, fire-raising/vandalism, shoplifting and speeding; and
- an increase in motor vehicle crimes, fraud and drink/drug driving.

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

- a recent speeding survey at Kilwinning Road of 800,153 vehicles (including emergency vehicles) that found 0.9% were travelling in excess of 40mph and a more detailed report that would be compiled and provided in due course;
- 3 incidents in the Kilmarnock area that resulted in a 39 year old woman and 24 year old woman being injured and subsequently dying and a fatal road crash where the driver died at the scene;
- guidance on Covid restrictions that was available to officers via their mobile devices, Police Intranet and electronic briefings that were undertaken before each shift;
- a common-sense approach being taken by officers when dealing with individuals who had infringed restrictions, alongside the Engage, Explain, Encourage and Enforcement operational response to the pandemic;
- an appeal process in place for those who wished to dispute any fine for infringing Covid restrictions;
- the Specialist Computer Crime Unit based at Gartcosh and dealt with computer related fraud;
- excellent work by Special Constables in North Ayrshire on a daily basis and particularly during the pandemic; and
- the use of tasers by officers in North Ayrshire (detailed below) and the addition of this information in future Police performance reports.

Timescale	Use of Tasers	No of Incidents
1 April 2019 – 31 December 2019	22	36
1 April 2020 – 31 December 2020	26	69

Statistically there was a 37.7% usage rate per deployment, with 2 discharges of the device, equating to a 2.9% discharge rate per call attended. The discharge rate was 7.7% per usage, with tasers being drawn 14 times, aimed twice, 8 red dots and discharged twice.

Noted.

9. Urgent Items

The Chair agreed that the following item be considered as a matter of urgency to allow action to be taken without delay.

9.1 Public Engagement in relation to Body Worn Video Cameras

The Senior Manager (Legal Services) advised of the planned roll-out of Body Worn Video Cameras to police officers and staff. An online survey seeking the views of the public and key stakeholders would commence on 1 February 2021 and run for three weeks.

The Committee agreed that the Senior Manager (Legal Services), in consultation with the Chair, prepare a response to the consultation on body worn video cameras, in order to meet the deadline for responses.

The meeting ended at 4.00 p.m.