

Cabinet  
28 April 2026

**IRVINE**, 28 April 2026 - At a Meeting of the Cabinet of North Ayrshire Council at 2.30 p.m.

**Present (Physical Participation)**

Tony Gurney, Christina Larsen, Eleanor Collier, Alan Hill, Margaret Johnson and Chloé Roblertson.

**In Attendance**

C. Hatton, Chief Executive; R. McCutcheon, Executive Director, T. Reaney, Head of Service (Neighbourhood Services) and L. Cree, Head of Service (Sustainability, Transport and Corporate Property) (Place); D. Hammond, Executive Director, R. Leith, Head of Service (Connected Communities) and A. Finlayson, Senior Manager (Planning) (Communities and Housing); C. Cameron, Director (Health and Social Care Partnership); S. Anson, Executive Director, Donna Martin, Strategy and Programme Manager (Child Poverty) and S. Robbie, Business Manager (Education); M. Boyd, Head of Service (Finance); F. Walker, Head of Service (People & ICT); A. Craig, Head of Democratic Services, L. Jolly, Communications Officer (Media and Internal Communications) and C. Stewart, Committee Services Officer (Democratic Services) (Corporate Services).

**Chair**

Tony Gurney in the Chair.

**1. Declarations of Interest**

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

**2. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 17 March 2026 were confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

**3. Additional Bank Holiday – 15 June 2026**

Submitted a report by the Head of Democratic Services informing Cabinet of the decision and recommendation of the Audit & Scrutiny Committee following a call-in of the Cabinet decision of 17 March 2026 to approve the additional bank holiday for all employees on Monday 15 June 2026.

Following consideration, the Cabinet agreed to accept the recommendation of the Audit & Scrutiny Committee and altered its original decision to the effect that the additional bank holiday on 15th June 2026 should not be approved for Council staff.

**4. Child Poverty & Early Intervention Fund (CPEIF): Proposed Budget Allocation of £276,000 for Child Poverty and Strengthened Governance Arrangements**

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education) seeking approval for the proposed allocation of the £276,000 child poverty budget into CPEIF and outlining strengthened governance and monitoring arrangements for future applications and approvals for use of the Fund.

Officers responded to Members' questions and the Cabinet agreed to approve the proposals to allocate the £276,000 child poverty budget to CPEIF, enabling continuity of the fund over 2026-27.

**5. Progress Update on Children's Rights and Approval of North Ayrshire's Statutory UNCRC Progress Report (2024-2026)**

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education) providing an update on action the Council is taking to progress children's rights and seeking approval to publish the first statutory Children's Rights Progress Report (covering the period 2024–2026.), attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

Officers responded to Members' questions and the Cabinet agreed to (a) note (i) the good progress being made across Council services and partners to strengthen the implementation of children's rights and (ii) that future reporting would be aligned within the new joint Children and Families Plan 2026-2029, covering Children's Services, Child Poverty and Children's rights; and (b) approve the statutory Children's Rights Progress Report for 2024–2026 for publication.

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

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Communities and Housing) on applications by Locality Partnerships for the allocation of CIF funding to proposed projects. Applications from the Micah Project and North Ayrshire Table Tennis Club were attached at Appendices 1 to 2, respectively, to the report.

Officers responded to Members' questions and the Cabinet (a) reviewed the applications from the Irvine Locality Partnership and Three Towns Locality Partnership in line with CIF criteria; and (b) agreed to approve (i) the CIF application in relation to the Micah Project (Appendix 1 to the report) and (ii) the CIF application in relation to North Ayrshire Table Tennis Club (Appendix 2 to the report).

**7. Consultation Response: Accelerating Home Building**

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Communities and Housing) seeking Cabinet approval of the proposed response to the Scottish Government consultation on accelerating home building. The proposed consultation response was attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the proposed consultation response at Appendix 1 to the report.

**8. Roads Structures & Streetlighting Maintenance Programme 2026/27**

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Place) seeking Cabinet approval of the proposed Roads, Structures and Street Lighting Maintenance Programme for 2026/27, attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

Officers responded to Members' questions and the Cabinet agreed to (a) note (i) the approach taken to determining the asset maintenance programme for roads, structures and street lighting and (ii) that the programme would be issued to the Locality Planning Partnerships for information; and (b) approve the maintenance programme for 2026/27, as shown at Appendix 1 to the report.

**9. Urgent Items**

There were no urgent items.

**10. Exclusion of the Press and the Public**

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

**11. Exempt Report: Lease Amendment – Lower Ground Floor, Lochshore Hub, Glengarnock**

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Place) on the above.

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

**12. Exempt Report: Lease to a Nominated Party: Leading Light Navigation Tower Site, Ardrossan**

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Place) on the above.

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

**13. Exempt Report: Disposal to a Nominated Party: Land at 23 Ayr Road, Irvine**

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Place) on the above.

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

**14. Exempt Report: Sale Disposal – Abbey Park Football Ground, Bankhead Road, Kilwinning and 26 Dovecot Lane, Kilwinning**

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Place) on the above.

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

The meeting ended at 3.15 p.m.