

CABINET

Minutes of a hybrid webcast meeting on 17 January 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

Present
in County

Hall: Councillors Martin Dowey (Chair), Alec Clark, Brian Connolly, Ian Davis, Martin Kilbride and Lee Lyons.

Present

Remotely: Councillor Stephen Ferry.

Apology: Councillor Bob Pollock.

Attending: E. Howat, Chief Executive; M. Newall, Depute Chief Executive and Director of Housing, Operations and Development; J. Bradley, Director of Strategic Change and Communities; C. Caves, Head of Legal and Regulatory Services; T. Baulk, Head of Finance, ICT and Procurement; W. Wesson, Chief HR Advisor; C. McGhee, Chief Internal Auditor; K. Anderson, Service Lead – Policy, Performance and Community Planning; D. Alexander, Service Lead – Procurement; J. Tait, Service Lead – CLD & Employability and Skills; R. Jamieson, Co-ordinator – Asset Management; B. McDonnell, Parking and Bus Infrastructure Manager (Ayrshire Roads Alliance); G. Senior, Team Leader (Ayrshire Roads Alliance); C. Buchanan, Committee Services Officer; and E. Moore, Committee Services Assistant.

Attending

Remotely: K. Dalrymple, Assistant Director – Housing and Operations; A. Pinkerton, Trauma Informed Practice Officer; and D. Love, Corporate Accounting Co-ordinator.

Opening Remarks.

The Chair took the sederunt, confirmed to Members the procedures to conduct this meeting and advised that the meeting was being broadcast live.

1. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest by Members of the Cabinet in terms of Council Standing Order No. 17 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

2. Minutes of previous meeting.

The minutes of 29 November 2022 ([issued](#)) were submitted and approved.

3. **Decision Log.**

Following discussion, the Cabinet

Decided:

- (1) to note the overdue items in the report ([issued](#)); and to agree that the Chief Executive would ensure that the overdue log entries were updated accordingly;
- (2) to approve the actions listed with revised due dates ([issued](#)); and
- (3) to note the recently completed actions ([issued](#)).

Economic Development.

4. **South Ayrshire Parking Strategy 2020 – 2024 Update.**

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 4 January 2023 by the Depute Chief Executive and Director of Housing, Operations and Development advising on the current status of the parking strategy and the progress made on its stated objectives.

After receiving a question from a Member around timescales, the Parking and Bus Infrastructure Manager outlined that the consultation would take six weeks to commence and see to the point of delivery and roughly twelve to eighteen months to implement the strategy.

The Cabinet

Decided:

- (1) to note the contents of the Ayr parking consultation report contained within Appendix 1 and to approve its recommendations;
- (2) to approve proposals to re-engage the public in a second round of consultations on the town of Ayr parking proposals which would take account of previous feedback relating to the format of the questions and supporting documentation;
- (3) to approve proposals to further engage the public in consultations for parking proposals relating to the towns of Prestwick and Troon; and
- (4) to request officers to update Cabinet, on completion of each consultation referred to in paragraph 4.4 of the report, on the consultation results and further recommendations along with a commitment to progress all other parking strategy objectives.

Buildings, Housing and Environment

5. **Troon Water Sports Club Community Asset Transfer.**

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 5 January 2023 by the Depute Chief Executive and Director of Housing, Operations and Development advising of a proposed Community Asset Transfer of land at Barassie shore (near Barassie public conveniences) by fifty year lease to Troon Water Sports Club (TWSC).

The Cabinet

Decided:

- (1) to approve the fifty year lease of land at Barassie shore (nr. Barassie public conveniences) as shown in the plan forming Appendix 1 of the report, under Part 5 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 to Troon Water Sports Club SCIO for the initial sum of £100 (One Hundred Pounds) Sterling per annum for the first five years and subject to review thereafter for the reasons detailed in Appendix 2 of the report and subject to the conditions detailed in Appendix 3 of the report;
- (2) to request that a Common Good consultation was carried out in terms of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 Section 104 on the proposed lease to Troon Water Sports Club SCIO; and
- (3) to note that, if there were no responses to the consultation or if the responses were neutral or wholly in favour of the proposals, the Head of Legal and Regulatory Services would thereafter petition the court under section 75(2) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 for authority to lease the ground to Troon Water Sports Club SCIO.

Corporate and Strategic

6. South Ayrshire Food Network – Update.

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 4 January 2023 by the Director of Strategic Change and Communities providing an update on South Ayrshire Food Network and to recognise the ongoing work of Thriving Communities Officers supporting local 3rd Sector partners and the Food Network.

Following a question from a Member in relation to the withdrawal of foodbank services in Girvan, the Service Lead - CLD & Employability and Skills advised that they would prepare a written briefing on this subject to be circulated to members.

Having heard the support for this ongoing work by a number of Members, the Cabinet

Decided:

- (1) to give recognition to the work of the Food Network and the support provided by Thriving Communities officers;
- (2) to approve that the work of Food Network should continue to be reported through the Community Planning Partnership – Financial Inclusion (SDP);
- (3) to approve updates on progress of the Food Network and ongoing response to addressing food insecurity was reported through the Cost of Living Member/Officer Working Group; and
- (4) to request that a written briefing be provided to Members by the Health and Social Care Partnership relating to the withdrawal of foodbank services in Girvan.

Corporate and Strategic/ Finance, Human Resources and ICT

7. King's Coronation – Public Holiday.

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 9 January 2023 by the Chief Executive advising of the decision and recommendation of the UK and Scottish Governments regarding public holidays in May 2023 to mark the King's Coronation.

The Cabinet

Decided:

- (1) to approve the additional public holiday on Monday 8 May 2023; and
- (2) to approve that the required funds were drawn from Miscellaneous Services.

Health and Social Care.

8. Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report.

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 4 January 2023 by the Chief Social Work Officer providing an update to the Cabinet on the performance of statutory social work services for 2021 – 2022.

A question was asked in relation to Page 8 of the Report entitled 'Child Protection', around the rationale for the decreasing number of children placed on the child protection register in South Ayrshire; and the Chief Social Work Officer responded that a number of the driving factors in the rationale were due to the investments that Children's Health and Justice Services had placed in 'Early Intervention and Prevention Work' as outlined on Page 12 of the Report.

Following discussion around Health and Social Care resources, the Cabinet

Decided:

- (1) to request that the Annual Report 2021-2022 be submitted to the Office of the Chief Social Work Adviser; and
- (2) to request that a written briefing be provided to Members providing more detail on the underspend of £25.025m in the financial year 2021-22.

9. Trauma Informed and Responsive South Ayrshire – Update.

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 4 January 2023 by the Director of Strategic Change and Communities.

- (1) providing an update to Members on South Ayrshire's progress toward becoming Trauma Informed and Responsive; and
- (2) seeking approval of the purchase of an organisational training package.

The Cabinet

Decided:

- (a) to note the contents of the update report and that it provided feedback to officers as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (b) to agree to the organisational training proposal at a cost of £21,500 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

Finance, Human Resources and ICT.

10. 2022/23 National Fraud Initiative.

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 4 January 2023 by the Chief Internal Auditor,

- (1) providing notice of the 2022/23 National Fraud Initiative (NFI) exercise; and
- (2) seeking agreement to the proposed approach for investigating NFI matches.

The Cabinet

Decided:

- (a) that the Council participate in the 2022/23 National Fraud Initiative; and
- (b) the proposed approach for the 2022/23 National Fraud Initiative to investigate high risk, high quality matches and to consider medium risk matches if resources permitted.

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11. Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2022-23.

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 4 January 2023 by the Head of Finance, IT and Procurement providing Members with a mid-year treasury management update for the financial year 2022/23.

The Cabinet

Decided: to approve the contents of the report.

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Finance, Human Resources and ICT/ Economic Development.

12. Procurement Strategy Update 2023/24.

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 4 January 2023 by the Head of Finance, IT and Procurement seeking approval for the adoption of minor updates to the Council's Procurement Strategy covering 2023/24.

Following discussion on the need to support local businesses, the Cabinet

Decided:

- (1) to approve the updated Procurement Strategy for 2023/24, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (2) to agree to publishing the Procurement Strategy for 2023/24 on the South Ayrshire Council website and that a copy be sent to the Scottish Government; and
- (3) to request that a written briefing be provided to Members giving an update on local spend and Community Wealth Building, and that Members be advised of future supplier engagement events.

The meeting ended at 10:53 a.m.

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