

CABINET

Minutes of a hybrid webcast meeting on 14 March 2023 at 10.29 a.m.

Present
in County

Hall: Councillors Martin Dowey (Chair), Alec Clark, Brian Connolly, Martin Kilbride, Lee Lyons, Bob Pollock and Bob Shields.

Present

Remotely: Councillors Ian Davis and Stephen Ferry.

Attending
in County

Hall: E. Howat, Chief Executive; M. Newall, Depute Chief Executive and Director of Housing, Operations and Development; J. Bradley, Director of Strategic Change and Communities; G. Hunter, Assistant Director – Strategic Change and Communities; C. Cox, Assistant Director – Housing, Operations and Development; K. Dalrymple, Assistant Director – Housing and Operations; T. Baulk, Head of Finance, ICT and Procurement; K. Briggs, Service Lead – Legal and Licensing; K. Anderson, Service Lead – Policy, Performance and Community Planning; F. Ross, Service Lead – Neighbourhood Services; P. Bradley, Service Lead - Professional Design Services; K. Braidwood, Head of Roads (Ayrshire Roads Alliance); C. Buchanan, Committee Services Officer; C. Griffiths, Committee Services Assistant and E. Moore, Committee Services Assistant.

Also

Attending
in County

Hall: Superintendent D. Frew (Police Scotland) (in attendance for item 4 only).

Attending

Remotely: T. Burns, Service Lead – Asset Management and Community Asset Transfer.

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 15 February 2023 ([issued](#)) were submitted and approved.

3. Decision Log.

Following discussion, the Cabinet

Decided:

- (1) to note that there were no overdue items to report;
- (2) to approve the actions listed with revised due dates (issued); and
- (3) to note the recently completed actions (issued).

Corporate and Strategic.**4. Local Police Plan 2023 -2026.**

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 6 March 2023 by the Director of Strategic Change and Communities requesting consideration of the revised draft Local Police Plan 2023-26, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

Superintendent Derek Frew, Police Scotland gave a verbal overview of the report. Following a full discussion by Members around the Local Police Plan 2023 – 2026 priorities, the Cabinet

Decided: to agree the revised draft Local Police Plan 2023-26, outlined in Appendix 1 of the report.

Buildings, Housing and Environment**5. Ash Dieback.**

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 6 March 2023 by the Depute Chief Executive and Director of Housing, Operations and Development advising Members of the impact of the Ash Dieback disease and seeking approval for an Ash Dieback Plan, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

Members highlighted their concerns in relation to the considerable funding required to fell the trees considered to be a significant risk to public safety and enquired if there were any funding schemes available to alleviate some financial pressure on the Council. The Service Lead (Neighbourhood Services) stated that she was not aware of any funding currently available to tackle the national issue of Ash Dieback across Scotland.

Having noted that paragraph 3.15 of the report entitled 'Background', May and October 2023 should be replaced to read 'May and October 2022', the Cabinet

Decided:

- (1) to approve the Ash Dieback Plan at Appendix 1, with year 1 funding coming from the Council's uncommitted reserves; and
- (2) to agree that Members lobby CoSLA to fund the full project through the Scottish Government. If the Scottish Government do not agree to fund the remaining work for years 2 to 7 a report will be brought to cabinet to seek instruction from Members.

Buildings, Housing and Environment/ Tourism and Rural Affairs.

6. Community Centres and Village Hall Management Arrangements Update.

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 6 March 2023 by the Director of Strategic Change and Communities seeking approval for officers to continue reviewing and implementing the management arrangements for community centres and village halls.

Having heard a Member of the Cabinet raise concern around the new lease proposal for Ivy Cottage, Troon and stating that services currently used by Troon Early Years Centre might be displaced, the Service Lead (Thriving Communities) highlighted that he would meet with Troon Early Years Centre to discuss their requirements for Ivy Cottage. Members requested that feedback be provided once discussions had been concluded.

The Cabinet

Decided:

- (1) to agree the approaches and recommendations outlined within the report with the exception of the agreement to management changes to Barr Community Council. Further discussions to take place with community in Barr and be reported back to Cabinet; and
- (2) to request that officers submit an update to Members in relation to any recommendations for Ivy Cottage, Troon.

Buildings, Housing and Environment/ Education.

7. Girvan Primary School Project.

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 6 March 2023 by the Depute Chief Executive and Director of Housing, Operations and Development seeking approval to request HubSW to appoint a Design Team to provide Strategic Support Services for the New Girvan Primary School Project.

The Cabinet

Decided: to approve the proposal to request HubSW via Strategic Support Services to carry out the appointment of a Design Team led by Norr Architects to facilitate initial design work on the Girvan Primary School Project.

Councillor Bob Shields left the meeting at this point.

Economic Development.

8. Motorhome Parking Scheme 2022 Outcome Report – Update.

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 6 March 2023 by the Depute Chief Executive and Director of Housing, Operations and Development providing a supplementary report to the 2022 Motorhome Outcome Report which had been presented to Cabinet on 15 February 2023 which provided Members with further options in relation to potential trial motorhome sites within Troon for 2023.

Having considered the contents of the report contained in Appendix 1 the Cabinet

Decided: to approve recommendations for the 2023 motorhome trial scheme within Troon, namely:-

- (a) that, Beach Road Car Park should be discounted from any further consideration;
- (b) North Shore Road Car Park (Barassie Toilet Block), should be included allowing unlimited access to motorhomes and caravans;
- (c) the north section of Harbour Road Car Park (Ballast Bank) should be included with the provision of up to five motorhome bays;
- (d) Titchfield Road Car Park should be discounted from any further consideration; and
- (e) that, South Beach Car Park should be discounted from any further consideration.

Health and Social Care.

9. Updated Terms of Reference for Equality and Diversity Forum.

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 6 March 2023 by Director of Strategic Change and Communities seeking approval for the updated terms of reference for the Equality and Diversity Forum.

The Cabinet

Decided: to approve the updated terms of reference as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

10. Exclusion of press and public.

The Cabinet resolved, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that the press and public be excluded during consideration of the remaining items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information in terms of paragraphs 8 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

Buildings, Housing and Environment.

11. Arran Mall Update.

There was submitted a report (Members only) of 8 March 2023 by the Head of Legal and Regulatory Services providing a further update on the external legal advice obtained regarding the outstanding suspensive conditions for the site acquisition of the Arran Mall; to present options available to the Council on how to now proceed; and to seek approval for the proposed course of action set out in the recommendations.

Having considered the terms of the external legal advice to the Council and the options available to the Council, as set out in paragraph 4.1 of the report, the Cabinet

Decided:

- (1) to approve Officers to act in terms of Option 3, with delegated power to act in terms of Option 1 in the event that agreement on Option 3 cannot be reached with the sellers; and
- (2) to request that Officers provide a further report setting out proposals for the development of the site.

Corporate and Strategic/ Economic Development.

12. Skypath Aerospace Training CIC.

There was submitted a report (Members only) of 7 March 2023 by the Director of Strategic Change and Communities providing an update on the current operation of Skypath and consider future funding arrangements.

Decided:

- (1) to agree that no further Council funding is allocated to Skypath Aerospace Training CIC (Skypath);
- (2) to request that officers seek approval from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund to reallocate funding to other projects; and
- (3) to request that officers submit a report to June Council removing Skypath from the list of approved Outside Bodies.

13. Consideration of Disclosure of the above confidential reports.

Decided:

- (1) not to authorise the disclosure under Standing Order 32.4 of the following report as further negotiations are proposed to take place with the Sellers.
 - Arran Mall Update
- (2) not to authorise the disclosure under Standing Order 32.4 of the following report, until the Council makes the approach to the Fund and negotiates the process of getting agreement to reallocate.
 - Skypath Aerospace Training CIC.

The meeting ended at 11:48 a.m.