

LEADERSHIP PANEL.

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr
on 15 September 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Peter Henderson (Chair), Siobhian Brown, Ian Cochrane, Julie Dettbarn, William Grant, Brian McGinley and Philip Saxton.

Attending: E. Howat, Chief Executive; D. Hutchison, Depute Chief Executive and Director – People, D. Gillies, Director – Place; T. Eltringham, Director of Health and Social Care; C. Caves, Head of Regulatory Services; T. Baulk, Head of Finance and ICT; K. Carr, Assistant Director – People; K. Braidwood, Ayrshire Roads Alliance; and A. Gibson, Committee Services Officer.

Attending

Remotely: M. Newall, Assistant Director – Place; G. Farrell, Service Lead – Organisational Development and Customer Services; and J. Nicol, Service Lead – Planning and Building Standards.

Also

Attending: P. Davey, D. Gemmell and E. Terras (for items 5 to 10 only).

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Remotely: D. Hoey and T. Robinson (for items 5 to 10 only).

Apology: I. Gall.

1. Opening Remarks.

The Chair confirmed that today's meeting was not open to the press and public, which was permissible under the COVID-19 legislation.

2. Declarations of Interest.

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

3. Minutes of previous meeting.

The minutes of 25 August 2020 (issued) were submitted and approved.

4. Decision Log.

Having heard a Panel Member, it was agreed that an update on the entry relating to "Engaging with the Communities" would be provided.

The Panel

Decided:

- (1) to approve
 - (a) the list of overdue actions (issued); and
 - (b) the actions listed with revised due dates (issued); and
- (2) to note the recently completed actions. (issued).

Children and Young People.

5. Inspection of Belmont Academy: Education Scotland Report.

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 4 September 2020 by the Depute Chief Executive and Director – People informing the Panel of the Education Scotland Report on Belmont Academy.

Following discussion and having heard the Headteacher (in attendance for this item only), the Panel

Decided: to agree that the main points for action would be addressed by the Head Teacher and Quality Improvement Officer.

6. Inspection of Forehill Primary School and Early Years Centre: Education Scotland Report.

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 4 September 2020 by the Depute Chief Executive and Director – People informing the Panel of the Education Scotland Report on Forehill Primary School and Early Years Centre.

Following discussion and having heard the Headteacher (in attendance for this item only), the Panel

Decided: to agree that the main points for action would be addressed by the Headteacher and Quality Improvement Officer.

7. Inspection of Glenburn Primary School and Early Years Centre: Education Scotland Report.

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 4 September 2020 by the Depute Chief Executive and Director – People informing the Panel of the Education Scotland Report on Glenburn Primary School and Early Years Centre.

Following discussion and having heard the Headteacher (in attendance for this item only), the Panel

Decided: to agree that the main points for action would be addressed by the Headteacher and Quality Improvement Officer.

8. Inspection of Prestwick Academy: Education Scotland Report.

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 4 September 2020 by the Depute Chief Executive and Director – People informing the Panel of the Education Scotland Report on Prestwick Academy.

Following discussion and having heard the Depute Headteacher (in attendance for this item only) and having noted the good work that was being done by staff and pupils in South Ayrshire during the current pandemic, the Panel

Decided: to agree that the main points for action would be addressed by the Headteacher and Quality Improvement Officer.

9. Children's Services Plan Annual Report 2019/20.

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 4 September 2020 by the Depute Chief Executive and the Director – People seeking approval of the draft Children's Services Plan Annual Report 2019/20.

Following discussion on how the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme would be conducted during the COVID 19 crisis, the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to approve the draft Children's Services Plan Annual Report 2019/20, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (2) to agree that the Depute Chief Executive and Director – People circulate the national figures to Members, for their interest.

10. Naming of New Education Provision.

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 4 September 2020 by the Depute Chief Executive and the Director – People seeking approval for procedures to name new schools, early years centres or Shared Education Provision

Having noted that full consultation had taken place, the Panel

Decided: to approve the proposed procedures for the naming of new education provision, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

11. Variation in Order of Business.

The Panel agreed to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

Environment.

12. South Ayrshire Council Parking Strategy 2020-2024.

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 8 September 2020 by the Director – Place seeking approval of the proposed Parking Strategy 2020-2024.

Following discussion regarding the importance of local consultation taking place, the Panel

Decided: to approve the proposed Parking Strategy 2020 – 2024, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, subject to local consultation taking place and an amendment to the Strategy changing free parking times from 8 am. to 10 am. to 9 am to 11 am.

Resources and Performance.

13. Health and Social Care Partnership 2018/19 Overspend – Revised Repayment Profile.

There was submitted a joint report ([issued](#)) of 4 September 2020 by the Director of Health and Social Care and the Head of Finance and ICT

- (1) providing an update on the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) budget overspend; and
- (2) seeking approval of a revised repayment schedule.

The Panel

Decided:

- (a) to note the 2019/20 repayment of £0.291m. from the HSCP to the Council, leaving a balance owed of £2.986m.; and
- (b) to approve the revised repayment profile, as outlined in paragraph 4.2 of the report.

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14. Treasury Management Annual Report 2019/20.

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 4 September 2020 by the Head of Finance and ICT

- (1) presenting, in line with the requirements of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Code of Practice on Treasury Management, the annual report of treasury management activities for 2018/19, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, and
- (2) seeking Members' consideration of its contents.

The Panel

Decided: to approve the Annual Treasury Management Report 2019/20, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

15. Acquisition of Belleisle Hotel and Lodge House.

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 7 September 2020 by the Director – Place

- (1) advising of the recent acquisition of Belleisle Hotel and Lodge House; and
- (2) seeking approval for the next steps.

The Panel

Decided:

- (a) to note the acquisition of Belleisle Hotel and Lodge House;
- (b) to note the output from the recent feasibility study on potential options for redeveloping the hotel and associated estimated costs;
- (c) to approve the appointment of consultants via HubSW to prepare a tender package inviting bids to assume the role of development partner for a joint venture for Belleisle Hotel with the Council;
- (d) to request officers to bring forward a further report on the outcome of the tender exercise; and
- (e) to agree that, in due course, a report be presented to this Panel on the future use of Lodge House.

Economy and Culture.

16. Indicative Ayrshire Regional Spatial Strategy.

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 7 September 2020 by the Director – Place

- (1) advising of progress made on the preparation of an indicative Ayrshire Regional Spatial Strategy (iARSS); and
- (2) seeking approval to submit the iARSS to the Scottish Government (the Government), to help inform its preparation of a position statement on National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4), scheduled for publication in the autumn.

The Panel

Decided:

- (a) to approve the indicative Ayrshire Regional Spatial Strategy, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, subject to the following amendments, for submission to the Scottish Government by 18 September 2020:-
- to include the following wording under the 3rd Enabler on p11 (Climate Change):

“A strategic approach to renewable energy generation, including from wind and utilising the strategic assets of Hunterston as a national location for energy production”;
 - two additional sentences in Project 9 – Ayrshire Coast and Shoreline Management Plan on p 16:

Under the section entitled -What?- to add in “The Ayrshire Growth Deal will support the development of our coastal and island economies through new marine tourism infrastructure supporting growth in sailing, marine leisure and recreation” and

Under the section entitled-Why?- Replace last sentence with: “The Ayrshire coast, islands and surrounding waters provide opportunities to develop the blue economy within a sustainable framework that will protect environmental and ecological priorities”;
- (b) to grant delegated powers to the Director – Place to make any non-substantive, editorial changes to the indicative Ayrshire Regional Spatial Strategy as it related to South Ayrshire; and
- (c) to agree to continue to work in partnership with East and North Ayrshire Councils on the preparation of a draft Ayrshire Regional Spatial Strategy, in accordance with Government guidance and emerging timescales, when available.

Corporate.

17. Completion of the Review and Amendment of the Scheme for Establishment of Community Councils.

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 4 September 2020 by the Assistant Director – People providing an update on Stage 2 of the review and amendment of the ‘Scheme for Establishment of Community Councils’ (the ‘Scheme’) and in that connection, the completion of the review process and finalisation of the revised Scheme.

The Panel

Decided:

- (1) to note the overview from the Stage 2 of the review consultation, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (2) to agree to the content of the revised Scheme at Appendix 2 of the report, including its publication; and
- (3) to note that the revised Scheme at Appendix 2 will now be published in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and any representations will be reported to Panel in due course.

18. Communications Strategy 2020-2022.

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 4 September 2020 seeking approval for the draft corporate Communications Strategy 2020-2022.

The Panel

Decided: to approve the proposed Communications Strategy, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

19. Exclusion of press and public.

The Panel 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 item of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information in terms of paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

Resources and Performance.

20. South Ayrshire Women's Aid Refuge, Ayr.

There was submitted a report (Members only) of 10 September 2020 by the Assistant Director – Place seeking approval for an additional financial contribution from the Housing Revenue Account (HRA), as building owners, to be made to South Ayrshire Women's Aid who were commissioning work to reconfigure and upgrade the Woman's Aid Refuge.

Decided: to approve an additional commitment of the sums detailed in the report, by way of a grant, to South Ayrshire Women's Aid, towards the planned reconfiguration and upgrading work to the refuge, to be funded from the uncommitted reserves within the Housing Revenue Account.

21. **Consideration of Disclosure of the above Confidential Report.**

Decided: to authorise the disclosure under Standing Order 32.4 of the following report after conclusion of the transaction to which the further contribution relates:-

- South Ayrshire Women's Aid Refuge, Ayr (agreement also given to publicise this Council's combined contribution to the project).

The meeting ended at 11.40 a.m.