

LEADERSHIP PANEL.

Minutes of meeting being held remotely on 23 November 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Peter Henderson (Chair), Chris Cullen, Julie Dettbarn, William Grant, Brian McGinley and Philip Saxton.

Also

Present: T Robinson, E Terras, D Gemmell.

Apologies: Councillor Ian Cochrane and Pastor Gall.

Attending: E. Howat, Chief Executive; C. Caves, Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services; T. Baulk, Head of Finance and ICT; T. Eltringham, Director of Health and Social Care; L. Reid, Assistant Director – Place; K. Carr, Assistant Director – Place; M. Inglis, Head of Children’s Health Care and Social Justice; Scott Hunter, Chief Social Work Officer; T. Burns, Service Lead – Asset Management and Community Asset Transfer; P. Bradley, Service Lead – Professional Design Services; D. Alexander, Service Lead – Procurement; K. Dalrymple, Service Lead, Neighbourhood Services; A Valenti, Quality Improvement Manager; S Mulholland, Quality Improvement Manager; G Cockburn, Service Lead – Education Support Services; K. Mullen, Service Lead – ICT Operations; L. Traynor, Head Teacher, Head Teacher, Ayr Academy; A Nelson, Co-ordinator – Democratic Services and E. Moore, Clerical Assistant

1. 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.

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 meetings.

The minutes of the 26 October 2021 ([issued](#)) were submitted and approved.

Children and Young People

4. **a) Naming of New Community Campus and Non-Denominational Primary School, Maybole**

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 15 November 2021 by the Depute Chief Executive and Director – People seeking approval for the proposed name of the new community campus and non-denominational primary school and early years centre.

Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor McGinley moved the recommendations as outlined in the report with the addition of the recommendation that a ‘corporate review of the consultation process be undertaken with all relevant parties in the community’.

By a majority, with two Members abstaining, the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to approve Maybole Community Campus as the name for the new community campus;
- (2) to approve Culzean Primary School and Early Years Centre as the name for the new non-denominational primary school and early years centre; and
- (3) to request a corporate review of the consultation process in order that consultations are undertaken with all relevant parties in the wider community.

Variation in Order of Business

In terms of Standing Order No. 13.3, the Panel agreed to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

c) Naming of the New School Campus and Early Years Centre – Prestwick

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 15 November 2021 by the Depute Chief Executive and Director – People seeking approval for the proposed name of the new school campus and early years centre in Prestwick.

The Panel

Decided:

- (1) to approve Prestwick North Educational Campus as the name for the new school campus;
- (2) to approve Prestwick North Early Years Centre as the name for the new early years centre; and
- (3) to request a corporate review of the consultation process in order that consultations are undertaken with all relevant parties in the wider community.

b) Update on Pupil Equity Fund and Scottish Attainment Challenge

There was submitted a report (issued) of 15 November 2021 ([issued](#)) by the Depute Chief Executive and Director – People requesting that the Panel confirmed that they were content with the current approach to the use of the Pupil Equity Fund and Attainment Challenge Scotland funding and to inform Panel of the progress made by schools during 2020-21 in improving equity in educational outcomes.

The Panel noted the progress made by schools during 2020-21 and

Decided:

- (1) to confirm that the Panel were content with the current approach taken to the use of the Pupil Equity Fund and Attainment Challenge Scotland Funding;
- (2) to note the work undertaken by schools and partners in supporting children and families as the Council supported COVID recovery; and
- (3) to note the progress made in achieving equity in educational outcomes during session 2020-21.

d) South Ayrshire Proposal to Support Unaccompanied and Asylum-Seeking Children

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 15 November 2021 by the Head of Children's Health, Care and Social Justice Services providing the Panel with an up-date in relation to the Council's proposal of 27 October 2020 in relation to receiving Unaccompanied and Asylum-Seeking Children to South Ayrshire.

The Panel commended the report and

Decided:

- (1) to note the progress that had been made to-date in relation to the activity that had taken place surrounding the recruitment of foster carers for unaccompanied and asylum-seeking children; and
- (2) to note the change in age group of children coming to South Ayrshire from the original proposal of 5 to 10 years to 12 to 17 years of age;
- (3) to consider the need to extend the provision of support for young people 16 to 17 who are deemed able to live within their own properties in South Ayrshire with access to support of wrap around services, such as YPST, Housing and the Supported Accommodation contract; and
- (4) requested that a further update be provided to the Leadership Panel in March 2022.

Environment

5. **a) Annual Climate Change Duty Reporting 2020-21**

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 15 November 2021 by the Assistant Director – Place seeking approval of the South Ayrshire Council Annual Climate Change Report 2020-21 in relation to our public sector climate change duties which came into force on 1 January 2011 as introduced by the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009.

The Panel

Decided:

- (1) to approve the South Ayrshire Council Annual Climate Change Duty Report 2020/21 as contained in Appendix and agreed that the report is made publicly available via submission to the Scottish Government.

b) Ayrshire Energy Masterplan

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 15 November 2021 by the Assistant Director – Place seeking approval to support the development of an Ayrshire Energy Masterplan.

The Panel

Decided:

- (1) to agree a funding contribution of up to £30,000 to allow the development of the Ayrshire Energy Masterplan; and
- (2) to ensure the development and implementation of the plan is fully supported by officers through provision of data and integration into the strategic approach of the Council.

Environment/Resources and Performance

6. **a) Wallace Tower – Feature Lighting**

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 15 November 2021 by the Assistant Director – Place updating the Panel and seeking agreements for the events for which the Wallace Tower would be illuminated.

The Panel

Decided:

- (1) to note the dates and events when the lights would be switched on as highlighted in paragraph 4.1 of the report;
- (2) to agree that ad-hoc requests for the lights to be switched on were initially passed to the Service Lead – Asset Management and Community Asset Transfer and then to the Director – Place to liaise with Elected Members.

- (3) to request that an application process be developed to allow charities to apply to have the various buildings lite up and that requests would be considered on a rotational basis;
- (4) to agree that feature lighting would only be considered during the months where the lighting would have the most visual impact as highlighted in paragraph 4.4 of the report;
- (5) to request that the installation of similar lighting systems were considered in other South Ayrshire buildings during refurbishment work; and
- (6) to agree that lighting up requests from political groups or organisations affiliated with political campaigns will be excluded.

Adult Health and Social Care/Children and Young People

7. a) Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 15 November 2021 by the Chief Social Work Officer updating the Panel on the performance of statutory social work services for 2020-21.

The Chair commended the report and thanked, on behalf of the Council, the Chief Social Work Officer and all associated members of staff for their care and compassion during the last year. The Panel

Decided:

- (1) noted the Chief Social Work Officer's Annual Report on the performance of statutory social work services.

Resource and Performance

8. a) General Services Capital Programme 2021/22: Monitoring Report as at 30 September 2021

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 15 November 2021 by the Assistant Director – Place updating the Panel on the actual capital expenditure and income, together with progress made on the General Services Capital Programme projects as at 30 September 2021 (Period 6), and to agree the changes to budgets in 2021/22 and future years.

The Panel

Decided:

- (1) to note the progress made on the delivery of the General Services Capital Programme to 30 September 2021, resulting in spend of £23,622,693 or 31.91%, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (2) to approve the adjustments contained within Appendix 2 of the report, leading to a revised budget of £74,229,736 in 2021/22, £118,342,273 in 2022/23 and £78,309,030 in 2023/24; and

- (3) to note the ongoing impact of Covid-19 and Brexit and the potential for further changes to forecasted expenditure this year and also potential additional costs in construction contracts.

b) ICT Support and Maintenance Contracts

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 15 November 2021 by the Head of Finance and ICT requesting that the Panel review and agree the ongoing contractual obligations in respect of the support and maintenance of key ICT systems for the 2022/23 financial year.

The Panel

Decided:

- (1) agreed in accordance with paragraph 22.1 of the Standing Orders relating to Contracts, to approve the annual renewal of the support and maintenance contracts for 2022/23 which are necessary to access support, maintenance and in some instances, system upgrades of ICT systems, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

Resources and Performance/Housing and Community Wellbeing

9. **a) Housing Capital Programme 2021/22: Monitoring Report as at 30 September 2021**

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 15 November 2021 by the Assistant Director – Place on the actual capital expenditure and income, together with progress made on the Housing Capital Programme projects as at 30 September 2021 (Period 6) and to agree the changes to budgets in 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24.

The Panel

Decided:

- (1) to note the progress made on the delivery of the Housing Capital Programme to 30 September 2021, resulting in spend of £10,998,914 or 28.16%, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (2) to approve the adjustments contained in Appendix 2 for the report, leading to a revised budget of £32,867,536 for 2021/22, £55,117,825 for 2022/23 and £35,465,732 for 2023/24; and
- (3) to note the ongoing impact Covid-19 and Brexit and the potential for further changes to forecasted expenditure this year and also potential additional costs in construction contracts.

Resources and Performance/Economy and Culture

10. a) Annual Procurement Report 2021

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 15 November 2021 by the Assistant Director – Place seeking approval for the publication of the Council’s Annual Procurement Report 2021 which details the Council’s procurement activity between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021.

The Panel

Decided:

- (1) to approve the Annual Performance Report 2021 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (2) to request that Officers forward the report to the Scottish Government before it is published on the Council’s website.

11. Exclusion of Public and Press

The Panel resolved, in terms of Section 50(a)(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 it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information in terms of Paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7(a) of the Act.

12. Proposed Lease to Police Scotland of Newton House, Green Street Lane, Ayr

There was submitted a report (Members only) of 15 November 2021 seeking approval to enter into a lease agreement with Police Scotland for Newton House, Green Street Lane, Ayr (as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report) on the basis of the terms and conditions contained in the Addendum (confidential) to this report.

The Panel

Decided:

- (1) to grant authority to enter into a lease for Newton House, 30 Green Street, Ayr (as shown in Appendix 1 of the report, with the organisation, and in accordance with the terms and conditions contained within the Addendum (confidential) to this report; and
- (2) to request that the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services concludes the lease.

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

Decided:

- (1) to authorise the disclose under Standing Order 32.4 of the following report once agreement had been reached on the terms of the lease: -
- Newton House, Green Street Lane, Ayr.

The meeting ended at 12.30 p.m.