

LEADERSHIP PANEL (SPECIAL)

Minutes of meeting being held remotely on 30 November 2021 at 1.00 p.m.

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

Apology: Councillor Cochrane.

Attending: E. Howat, Chief Executive; T. Eltringham, Director HSCP; C. Caves, Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services; T. Baulk, Head of Finance and ICT; J. Bradley, Assistant Director – People; M. Newall, Assistant Director – People; K. Carr – Assistant Director – Place; L. Reid, Assistant Director – Place; T. Burns, Service Lead – Asset Management and Community Asset Transfer; K. Anderson, Service Lead – Policy, Performance and Community Planning; Jamie Tait, Service Lead – CLD and Employability and Skills; Alison Nelson, Co-ordinator – Democratic Services; and Eilidh Moore, Clerical Assistant – Committee Services.

1. Opening Remarks.

The Chair welcomed everyone present, took the sederunt and confirmed procedures to conduct the 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. Decision Log.

- (1) to note that there were no [overdue actions](#);
- (2) to approve the actions listed with [revised dates](#); and
- (3) to note the recently [completed actions](#).

4. Corporate

(a) Platinum Jubilee Civic Honours Competition – City Status

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 24 November 2021 by the Chief Executive updating the Panel on the findings of the Member/Officer Working Group (MOWG) and seeking approval of the bid for City Status.

The Chair commended Officers for the compilation of the bid in the timescales involved.

The Panel

Decided:

- (1) to note the findings of the Member/Officer Working Group (MOWG) as outlined in the report;
- (2) to agree that any final revisions to the bid for the City Status could be agreed by the MOWG; and
- (3) to approve that the bid for City Status (attached as in Appendix 1 of the report) be submitted by 8 December, 2021.

(b) Community Council Elections

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 22 November 2021 by the Assistant Director – People seeking approval from the Panel to commence Community Council elections in January 2022, to approve that the revised Scheme document and supporting document ‘Guidance for Community Councils’ were made available throughout the election process, to agree the request from Crosshill, Straiton and Kirkmichael Community Council to relax their sub-ward arrangements and to amend the details of the Returning Officer within the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils (the Scheme).

The Panel

Decided:

- (1) to approve that Community Council elections could take place commencing on Monday 10 January 2022 and terminate on Thursday 31 March 2022;
- (2) to approve that the revised Scheme document and supporting document ‘Guidance for Community Councils’ are made available throughout the election process;
- (3) to approve the request from Crosshill, Straiton and Kirkmichael Community Council to relax their sub ward arrangements; and
- (4) to agree to amend the details of the Returning Officer within the Scheme from the Service Lead – Performance, Policy and Community Planning to the Service Lead – Thriving Communities.

5. **Resource and Performance**

(a) **Budget Management – Revenue Budgetary Control 2021/22 – Position Statement at 30 September 2021.**

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 22 November 2021 by the Head of Finance and ICT presenting Members with a financial overview of the General Services revenue support account, Housing Revenue Account and Common Good Accounts for 2021/22 as at 30 September 2021.

Decided:

- (1) to note the revised Directorate budgets following the budget movements outlined in 3.3 of the report and note that the impact of Covid-19 has been included in the projections;
- (2) to approve the budget transfers as outlined in the Directorate financial performance report at Appendix 1 and summarised in 4.1.9 of the report;
- (3) to approve the requested earmarking of resources to be carried forward to 2022/23 as summarised in 4.1.10 of the report; and
- (4) to otherwise note the projected in year, under-spend of £3.268m after earmarking and including the latest Covid-19 cost implications.

6. **Resource and Performance/Environment**

(a) **Former Darlington Church, Main Street, Ayr**

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 25 November 2021 by the Assistant Director – Place providing the Panel with the results of the public consultation carried out under Section 104 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 in relation to the proposed disposal of the former Darlington Church, Main Street, Ayr; and asking the Panel to consider a proposal to dispose of the property, having regard to the outcome of the consultation.

Having conveyed their thanks to the the Service Lead - Asset Management and Community Asset Transfer for the detailed and informative report, the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to note the results of the public consultation carried out under Section 104 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015;
- (2) to consider and agree the responses to the representations received as outlined in Appendix 1 of the report, approved the publication of the responses on the Council's website and notification of those who responded to the consultation.

- (3) having regard to the outcome of the consultation, approved the sale for £1 of the former Darlington Church, Main Street, Ayr – shown outlined in red on the attached plan – Appendix 2 of the report – to The Iris Arts Ayr CIC; and
- (4) granted authority to the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services to conclude this transaction on the terms and conditions within this report and any other reasonable terms and conditions that are considered appropriate.

7. **Adults' Health and Social Care/Resource and Performance**

(a) Trauma Informed and Responsive South Ayrshire

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 22 November 2021 by the Depute Chief Executive and Director – People seeking approval for South Ayrshire's Trauma Informed and Responsive Strategic Plan and provided Members with initial proposals for South Ayrshire Council for developing an integrated approach to Trauma-Informed Practice in partnership with Community Planning Partners which ensures that services would have an awareness and understanding of trauma, that our policies reflected our commitments to reducing trauma, and that all customers receive trauma-informed services.

Having welcomed a collaborative approach in this respect and the need to work with community planning partners, the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to agree the high-level plan as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (2) to note the allocation of £50,000 funding for 2021/22 and 2022/23 from the Scottish Government's Mental Health Recovery and Renewal Fund;
- (3) to note that this paper and high-level strategic framework satisfied the request from Council to bring a paper to Leadership Panel with two months of the motion being agreed;
- (4) to agree that a Member/Officer Working Group (MOWG) is established with the approved governance set out in paragraphs 4.2 and 4.3 of the report and allocate the available budget; and
- (5) to agree that the MOWG develops an implementation plan with any further associated costings and reports progressing to the Leadership Panel within one year of the first meeting of the MOWG.

9. **Environment**

(a) **Net Zero Carbon Retrofit**

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 22 November 2021 by the Assistant Director – Place presenting findings on the carbon retrofit work completed to date as the Council progresses to its next zero ambition and to set out details of the Council’s next steps in developing a Net Zero Policy.

Decided:

- (1) to note the contents of the Net Zero Carbon Retrofit Strategy prepared in conjunction with Faithful and Gould and shown in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (2) to approve the next steps as detailed in paragraphs 4.10 and 5.2 of the report.

10. **Housing and Community Wellbeing**

(a) **Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) 2022/23 to 2026/27**

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 22 November 2021 by the Assistant Director – People seeking Panel approval for the content of the draft Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) for submission to the Scottish Government.

Following discussion, the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to approve the Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report for onward submission to the Scottish Government; and
- (2) to delegate authority to the Assistant Director – People to amend and finalise this document based on feedback received from the Scottish Government.

11. **Economy and Culture**

(a) **Thriving Places – Placemaking Update**

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 24 November 2021 by the Director – Place updating Members on South Ayrshire’s approach to placemaking and the development and implementation of place plans in collaboration with partners and South Ayrshire’s communities. The report also provided an update on the Place Based Investment Programme (PBIP) and funding allocations for appropriate projects.

Decided:

- (1) to note the progress in the development of place plan to date;
- (2) to approve the further roll out of place plans outlined in section 4.2 of the report;
and
- (3) to approve PBIP funding allocations and projects detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

The meeting finished at 14:15