

LEADERSHIP PANEL.

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr
on 17th January 2017 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Bill McIntosh (Chair), Bill Grant, John McDowall, Rita Miller, Robin Reid, Philip Saxton and Margaret Toner.

Attending: E. Howat, Chief Executive; V. Andrews, Executive Director – Resources, Governance and Organisation; T. Eltringham, Director of Health and Social Care; R. Riddiough, Head of Legal and Democratic Service; J. Cronin, Head of Enterprise, Development and Leisure; D. Burns, Housing and Facilities; and A. Gibson, Committee Services Officer.

1. Declaration 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.

2. Minutes of previous meeting.

The minutes of 29th November 2016 ([issued](#)) were submitted and approved.

3. Decision Log.

Decided: to note the contents of the Decision Log ([issued](#)).

Housing and Customer Services.

4. Affordable Housing – Council Owned Sites.

There was submitted a joint report ([issued](#)) of 20th December 2016 by the Head of Housing and Facilities and the Head of Property and Risk seeking agreement for the transfer of sites at the former Whitletts Primary School, Ayr; Main Street, Prestwick; and Ladyland Road, Maybole from General Services to the Housing Account, at market value, for the future provision of affordable housing.

Having welcomed the report and having noted that the site in Prestwick was not currently in a conservation area nor listed; and that consultation would be undertaken with the relevant community councils and nearby neighbours for all the sites at the planning application stage, the Panel

Decided: to agree

- (1) to the transfer of the former Whitletts Primary School, as detailed on the plan in Appendix 1 of the report, from General Services to the Housing Account at a market value of £0.311m, by 31st March 2017, for the purpose of affordable housing development;

- (2) to transfer the former social work offices at 12 Main Street, Prestwick from General Services to the Housing Account at a market value of £0.162m and for Housing to acquire the former police station at 14 Main Street from Police Scotland at a market value of £0.108m as detailed on the plan in Appendix 2 of the report, both by 31st March 2017, for the purpose of affordable housing development;
- (3) to the transfer of a site at Ladywell Road, Maybole, as detailed on the plan in Appendix 3 of the report, from General Services to the Housing Account at a market value of £0.100m, by 31st March 2017, for the purpose of affordable housing development; and
- (4) to officers progressing designs and submitting a planning application for the development of affordable housing on each of the three sites, with a future report on associated costs to be presented to Leadership Panel should planning consent be granted.

Resources and Performance.

5. Economy, Neighbourhood and Environment 2016/17 Forecast Outturn Position and Associated Management Action.

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 16th December 2016 by the Executive Director – Economy, Neighbourhood and Environment

- (1) outlining the action being taken to ensure that there was a break-even position within Economy, Neighbourhood and Environment (ENE) Directorate at 31st March 2017; and
- (2) seeking approval for a number of temporary budget transfers.

Having been assured that the proposed budget transfers would, subject to any additional unforeseen changes in circumstances, bring the budget online and having noted the foreseeable issues surrounding the Council budget for 2017/18, the Panel

Decided:

- (a) to note the management action identified and revised projected out-turn for 2016-17 as detailed in paragraphs 4.1 and 4.2 of the report;
- (b) to approve the temporary budget transfers as outlined in paragraph 4.3 of the report; and
- (c) to note the 2017/18 ongoing budget shortfalls as outlined in paragraph 4.4 of the report and the management action as outlined in paragraph 4.5 of the report.

6. 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 items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information in terms of paragraphs 6, 8 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

7. **Authority to Accept Tenders.**

There was submitted a report (issued to members only) of 9th January 2017 by the Executive Director – Resources, Governance and Organisation seeking approval to accept tenders that that were not the lowest priced tenders.

Having welcomed the report and having noted the robust procedures that were adopted by this Council in the awarding of contracts, the Panel

Decided: to grant authority to the Executive Director – Resources, Governance and Organisation in terms of Standing Order 18.2.3 of South Ayrshire Council Standing Orders Relating to Contracts to accept the tenders by:-

- (1) Liberata UK Limited (formerly CapacityGrid) for the Remote Benefits Processing Services;
- (2) Jackson Lifts Limited for the Measured Term Contract for the Service and Maintenance of Lifts; and
- (3) Park House (Drive DeVilbiss Healthcare Ltd) for the Service, Maintenance and Repair of Community Equipment.

8. **Complaint.**

With reference to the Minutes of 21st September 2016 (Page 6, paragraph 15) there was submitted a report (issued to members only) of 9th January 2017 by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services advising of the recommendations within the final report by the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman (SPSO) and seeking approval to make the resulting payments.

Having welcomed the report, the Panel

Decided: to agree

- (1) a payment of £58,502.91 to Company A, to be met from uncommitted general reserves, being the total of the invoices deemed to be in appropriate terms by the Chartered Surveyor, less VAT, in full and final settlement of all claims arising from the complaint; and
- (2) a payment of £8,869.92 to the Chartered Surveyor as the fee for their report, to be met from uncommitted general reserves.

9. **Consideration of Disclosure of the above Confidential Reports.**

Decided: not to authorise the disclosure under Standing Order 32.4 of the whole or part of the following reports:-

- Authority to Accept Tenders; and
- Complaint.

The meeting ended at 10.30 a.m.