

LEADERSHIP PANEL (SPECIAL).

Minutes of special meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr
on 19th December 2018 at 11.30 a.m.

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

Attending: E. Howat, Chief Executive; D. Hutchison, Depute Chief Executive and Director - People; T. Eltringham, Director of Health and Social Care; D. Gillies, Director – Place; C. Caves, Head of Regulatory Services; T. Baulk, Head of Finance and ICT; K. O'Hagan, Head of Employee and Customer Services; D. Yuille, Service Lead - Special Property Projects; and A. Gibson, Committee Services Officer.

1. 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.

Corporate.

2. Integration Joint Recovery Plan.

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 13th December 2018 by the Chief Executive to update the Panel on the projected financial position of the Integration Joint Board as at 31st March 2019; progress in agreeing a recovery plan; and the implications for the 2019/20 budget.

Following concern expressed by Members on the current financial position and questions from a Member of the Panel, it was predicted that there would be still be £6 m. gap for Health and Social Care in 2019/20; and that under the Council's Financial Regulations, officers were unable to overspend this Budget.

Further, having

- (1) noted the lack of a recovery plan to address the projected overspend;
- (2) considered the implications of providing interim funds; and
- (3) considered the approach to be adopted in respect of the 2019/20 budget,

the Panel

Decided: to agree

- (a) to the establishment of a team to undertake a fundamental review of the budget and operational arrangements within Health and Social Care;
- (b) to allocate up to £200,000 from the Efficiency and Improvement Fund to support the fundamental review; and
- (c) that the Panel be made aware of any new proposals to address the overspend, following the meeting of the Integration Joint Board, scheduled to take place on 8th January 2019.

3. 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 following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information in terms of paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

Resources and Performance

4. Ayr Grammar Project – Financial Close.

There was submitted a report (Members only) of 14th December 2018 by the Director – Place

- (1) providing an update on progress of the Ayr Grammar Project;
- (2) informing the Council of the outcome of the SWHub Stage 2 detail design phase for the project, including the most up to date costs and programme; and
- (3) seeking approval for some additional funding for the project and to proceed to execute the necessary documents at Financial Close, as noted in Appendix 1 of the report.

Following a question from a Member and having noted that the Council were working closely with the Ayrshire Roads Alliance to address traffic management issues, the Panel

Decided:

- (a) to note the outcome of the SWHub Stage 2 detailed design phase for the Ayr Grammar Project, including the most up to date scheme and programme;
- (b) to approve the utilisation of £476,000 from new project uncommitted funding brought forward from 2022/23, noting that the revised budget for the project would be incorporated into the 2019/20 budget setting process;

- (c) to grant authority to the Head of Regulatory Services to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Council at Financial Close, as noted in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (d) to approve the purchase of the properties, as outlined in the report and the carrying out of the associated works to incorporate the site into the Ayr Grammar Project.

5. Consideration of Disclosure of the above Confidential Report.

Decided: to authorise the disclosure of the following report under Standing Order 32.4 following the contract for the works being signed, the site being successfully acquired and the contract for the purchase of the properties and associated works being completed by this Council:-

- Ayr Grammar Project – Financial Close.

The meeting ended at 11.55 a.m.