

LEADERSHIP PANEL.

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr
on 30th October 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Douglas Campbell (Chair), Ian Cochrane, William Grant, Peter Henderson, 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. Dalrymple, Service Lead - Neighbourhood Services; D. Yuille, Service Lead – Special Property Projects; K. Briggs, Service Lead - Legal and Licensing; K. Anderson, Service Lead – Corporate and Housing Policy; M. Douglas, Team Leader (Licensing); 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.

2. Minutes of previous meeting.

The minutes of 18th September 2018 ([issued](#)) were submitted and approved

3. Decision Log.

Decided:

- (1) to approve
 - (a) [the list of overdue actions](#); and
 - (b) [an action listed with a revised due date](#);
- (2) [to note the recently completed actions; and](#)
- (3) to request that officers were reminded of the need to ensure that the Log was kept up to date.

Sustainability and the Environment.

4. Specification for Taxi and Private Hire Vehicles.

There was submitted a joint report ([issued](#)) of 23rd October 2018 by the Head of Regulatory Services and Director – Place advising of proposed changes to the current taxi and private hire vehicle specification.

Having discussed an incident involving a driver, the need for protection to be given to drivers as well as passengers and the need for a cautious approach to be taken, the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to approve a public consultation on the draft proposals; and
- (2) to request officers to prepare a further report for the Leadership Panel once the consultation period was over.

5. Annual Climate Change Duty Reporting 2017/18.

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 23rd October 2018 by the Director- Place advising of the South Ayrshire Council Annual Climate Change Duty Report 2017-18 in relation to the Council's public sector climate change duties which came into force on 1st January 2011 as introduced by the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009.

Having discussed the importance of a "green agenda", the need for a Council Strategy on climate change and the need to educate the workforce in this respect, the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to approve the South Ayrshire Council Annual Climate Change Duty Report 2017-18, as contained in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (2) to agree that the report was made publicly available via submission to the Sustainable Scotland Network (SSN); and
- (3) to agree that a Council Strategy on Climate Change be established by the Chief Executive and reported back to this Panel in due course.

Economic Development, Tourism and Leisure.

6. South Ayrshire Wind Capacity Study – Update August 2018.

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 23rd October 2018 by the Director- Place seeking approval to use the updated South Ayrshire Landscape Wind Capacity Study (LWCS 2018) as a material consideration in planning decisions, to aid the assessment of the landscape and visual impact of wind energy applications and to inform future review of development plan policy and associated statutory guidance on wind energy developments.

Having discussed other forms of renewable energy, the number of windfarms currently in the South Carrick area and having noted that any future applications for a windfarms in South Ayrshire would be considered on their own merits, the Panel

Decided: to approve the use of South Ayrshire Landscape Wind Capacity Study (LWCS 2018) in relevant planning decisions and to inform the future review of development plan policy and associated statutory guidance on wind energy developments.

Corporate, Strategic and Community Planning.

7. Chinese Visit – Letter of Intent.

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 24th October 2018 by the Chief Executive

- (1) advising of a proposed visit to South Ayrshire by a senior official delegation from Liaocheng city, Shandong Province, China, from 13th to 15th November 2018; and
- (2) seeking approval to sign a Letter of Intent in relation to the establishment of a partner city.

Having noted the economic importance of this visit and how schools could benefit from the visit, the Panel

Decided:

- (a) to approve signature of the draft Letter of Intent in relation to the proposed visit to South Ayrshire by a senior official delegation from Liaocheng city, Shandong Province, China, from 13th to 15th November 2018; and
- (b) to request officers to ensure that all costs can be met from £3,400 and finalise an itinerary for this initial visit.

Housing and Customer Services.

8. Purchase of 12 Flats for Affordable Housing in Girvan.

There was submitted a joint report ([issued](#)) of 24th October 2018 by the Depute Chief Executive and Director - People and the Director – Place seeking approval for the purchase of 12 newly completed flats in Girvan to use as affordable housing.

Having discussed the need for sensitive letting, the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to approve the purchase of twelve new build flats in North Park Avenue Girvan;
- (2) to approve the proposed funding package, as outlined in paragraph 4.2 of the report;
- (3) to delegate authority to the Director – Place to negotiate and agree terms for the acquisition of the twelve flats to be used as Council housing for rent, and thereafter to instruct Legal Services to execute the transaction arising; and
- (4) to agree the application of a sensitive letting policy to the development.

Health and Social Care.

9. South Lodge Care Home Inspectorate Report.

There was submitted a joint report ([issued](#)) of 9th October 2018 by the Director of Health and Social Care Partnership advising of the Care Inspectorate Report of 4th July 2018 in relation to South Lodge Care Home and the plan of action and activity following the inspection.

Having considered the contents of the inspection report issued by the Care Inspectorate in respect of South Lodge Care Home (tabled), that the Director of Health and Social Care would provide Members with information relating to the appointment of permanent Manager at the Home and that an update of a Requirement stipulated by the Care Inspectorate also be reported to Members and that work was still required to improve this Care Home, the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to approve the action plan which had been put in place following the inspection; and
- (2) to agree that the Service and Performance Panel should examine Care Inspectorate reports in more detail particularly given the wide range of grades awarded for care facilities in South Ayrshire.

10. 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 it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information in terms of paragraph 8 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

Housing and Customer Services.

11. Travelling Persons Site, Girvan.

There was submitted a report (Members only) of 26th October 2018 by the Director – Place

- (1) providing an update on the progress of the replacement Travelling Person Site in Girvan; and
- (2) seeking approval for a revised funding package.

Having noted the need for a transient visitor site, the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to note progress on the project, including the requirement to reconfigure two of the units;
- (2) to approve the revised funding package for the project; and
- (3) to grant authority to award the contract to McTaggart Construction to carry out the works, utilising the Scottish Procurement Alliance's framework for new build housing.

12. Consideration of Disclosure of the above Confidential Report.

To authorise the disclosure of part of the undernoted report falling under Standing Order 32.4 and that that report be redacted following consultation with the Head of Regulatory Services and relevant officers and following expiry of the period for call-in or following conclusion of the call-in process, as applicable:-

- Travelling Persons Site, Girvan.

The meeting ended at 11.05 a.m.