

## **LEADERSHIP PANEL.**

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr  
on 12 March 2019 at 10.00 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; D. Gillies, Director – Place; T. Eltringham, Director of Health and Social Care; C. Caves, Head of Regulatory Services; K. O’Hagan, Head of Employee and Customer Services; J. Lyon, Head of Children’s Health, Care and Justice Services; K. Carr, Executive Manager, Place Directorate; J. Bradley, Executive Manager, People Directorate; T. Simpson, Service Lead – Corporate Accounting; D. Yuille, Service Lead – Special Property Projects; K. Anderson, Service Lead – Corporate and Housing Policy; J. Johnstone, Service Lead – Economic Development; T. Burns, Service Lead – Asset Management and Community Asset Transfer; 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 12 February 2019 ([issued](#)) were submitted and approved.

### **3. Decision Log.**

#### **Decided:**

- (1) to approve
  - (a) the list of [overdue actions](#); and
  - (b) the actions listed with [revised due dates](#); and
- (2) to note the [recently completed actions](#).

### **Children and Young People.**

#### **4. Improvement Actions from Inspection of South Ayrshire’s Adoption Service.**

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 20 February 2019 by the Head of Children’s Health, Care and Justice Services advising of the outcomes of an unannounced inspection of the Adoption Service by the Care Inspectorate on 2 August 2018.

Having considered the recommendation made by the Care Inspectorate and having noted the improved grades awarded from the Inspection; the training provided in the adoption process; and that procedural matters required to be examined, the Panel

**Decided:** to endorse the improvement activity.

**5. Improvement Actions from Inspection of South Ayrshire's Fostering Service.**

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 20 February 2019 by the Head of Children's Health, Care and Justice Services advising of the outcomes of an unannounced inspection of the Fostering Service by the Care Inspectorate on 2 August 2018.

Having considered the two recommendations made by the Care Inspectorate and having noted that this Council utilised external agencies in the provision of foster carers; the need for robust training to be provided; the issue of care workers not being in post for a prolonged period; that, at present financial allowances for fostering varied between Authorities; and that this Council's ongoing work with the Champion's Board was excellent, the Panel

**Decided:** to endorse the improvement activity.

**6. Termination of Lease at Glenriddle Road Children's House.**

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 27 February 2019 by the Head of Children's Health, Care and Justice Services seeking approval for the termination of the lease for the Children's House at Glenriddle Road, Ayr.

Having noted that matters in this respect should be expedited, the Panel

**Decided:** to support the termination of the lease from Ayrshire Housing Association for the Children's House at Glenriddle Road, Ayr as per the work undertaken to close the Children's House.

## **Economy and Culture.**

### **7. Culzean Country Park – Minute of Agreement.**

There was submitted a joint report ([issued](#)) of 6 March 2019 by the Director – Place and Head of Regulatory Services

- (1) providing Members with an update on the discussions and position with the National Trust for Scotland ('NTS') in relation to the arrangements in place for governing the Culzean Country Park; and
- (2) seeking approval for officers to meet with NTS to begin to work through the necessary steps to end the current contractual provisions of the existing Minute of Agreement ('the MoA').

The Panel

#### **Decided:**

- (a) to note the current position following recent discussions between NTS and officers; and
- (b) to delegate authority to the Head of Regulatory Services to engage with NTS to bring the current MoA to an end.

### **8. Placemaking and the Development of Place Plans.**

There was submitted a joint report ([issued](#)) of 4 March 2019 by the Depute Chief Executive and Director – People and the Director – Place seeking approval on South Ayrshire's approach to placemaking and the development and implementation of place plans in collaboration with partners and South Ayrshire's communities.

Having noted that briefings were being provided for the relevant staff, the Panel

**Decided:** to approve the approach to placemaking and the development of place plans as summarised in paragraph 4 of the report.

## **Adults' Health and Social Care.**

### **9. Care at Home - Care Inspectorate Report.**

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 25 January 2019 by the Head of Community Health and Care Services detailing a summary of the outcome of the Care Inspectorate Report following the unannounced inspection of the Care At Home Service on 14 November 2018.

Having considered the inspection report and having welcomed the improvements that had been made, the Panel

#### **Decided:**

- (1) to agree the action plan to address the recommendations; and
- (2) to request an update in twelve months time or following the next inspection.

## **Housing and Community Wellbeing.**

### **10. Tenant Participation Strategy 2019-2024.**

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 4 March 2019 by the Depute Chief Executive and Director – People seeking approval of the Tenant Participation Strategy 2019-2024.

Having noted the steps being undertaken to ensure there were more tenants involved in the process; and the need for Community Councils to be issued with the quarterly newsletter that was sent to all tenants in South Ayrshire, the Panel

#### **Decided:**

- (1) to approve the actions in the Tenant Participation Strategy 2019-2024, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (2) to request that Members are kept updated on progress against this Strategy by way of the Members' Bulletin.

## **Resources and Performance.**

### **11. Maybole Community Campus.**

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 5 March 2019 by the Director – Place

- (1) providing an update on the early work undertaken on the Maybole Community Campus Project; and
- (2) seeking approval to progress to the next stage and submit a New Project Request (NPR) to Hub SW to progress the detailed design development of the new facility.

Having discussed various issues arising from the proposals, the Panel

#### **Decided:**

- (a) to note the early work undertaken on the project;
- (b) to approve the proposal to submit a New Project Request (NPR) to HubSW to progress the detailed design development of the new facility; and
- (c) to note the proposed financial arrangements for the project and to request a further report to this Panel with an update, once these had been finalised.

### **12. 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 1 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

### **13. Sale of Peter Boyle Bowling Club, Craigie Road, Ayr.**

There was submitted a report (Members only) of 7 March 2019 by the Director – Place seeking approval to declare Peter Boyle Bowling Club at Craigie Road, Ayr surplus to requirements and to sell the property to the members of the club.

The Panel

#### **Decided:**

- (1) to approve the process outlined in this report and grant authority to the Director – Place to declare Peter Boyle Bowling Club, Craigie Road, Ayr surplus to requirements; and
- (2) to request the Head of Regulatory Services to conclude the sale of Peter Boyle Bowling Club to the members of the Club for the price set out in the report and subject to amending the terms and conditions outlined in the report to add in a pre-emption right that the Council can exercise to purchase the property at the market value for a bowling club either where the property is no longer in use or before any onward sale of the property and otherwise in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in the report.

**14. Acquisition of Land at Dailly and Girvan and Transfer of Former Invergarven School to Bargany Estates.**

There was submitted a report (Members only) of 7 March 2019 by the Director – Place seeking approval to acquire two areas of land at Dailly Primary School and two at Knockcushan Street, Girvan from Bargany Estates and to transfer the former Invergarven School in Henrietta Street to Bargany Estates as the historic owners of the site.

The Panel

**Decided:**

- (1) to grant authority to the Director - Place to conclude the purchase of two areas of land at Dailly Primary School and two at Knockcushan Street, Girvan which were currently owned by Bargany Estates for the sums set out in the report;
- (2) to request the Head of Regulatory Services to conclude these transactions; and
- (3) to note the position regarding the transfer of the former Invergarven School in Henrietta Street to the Bargany Estates as the historic owners of the site.

**15. Lease of the Former Darlington Church, Main Street, Ayr.**

There was submitted a report (Members only) of 7 March 2019 by the Director – Place

- (1) seeking approval to lease the former Darlington Church on a full repairing and insuring (FRI) basis for a period of two years with an option to purchase at the end of the lease term; and
- (2) advising that the former Darlington Church was held in the Ayr Common Good account.

The Panel

**Decided:**

- (a) to grant authority to the Director – Place to agree a two year FRI lease for the former Darlington Church with the option to purchase at the end of the lease term; and
- (b) to request the Head of Regulatory Services to conclude the lease and to petition the Sheriff to allow for the Church to be sold from the Ayr Common Good fund to Kelly Craig and Ross Hunter for £1 at the end of the lease term in the event that this option was exercised.

## **Economy and Culture.**

### **16. Economic Development and Regeneration – Management Arrangements.**

There was submitted a report (Members only) of 7 March 2019 by the Director – Place outlining proposals to change Service Lead arrangements within the Council’s Economic Development and Regeneration services to reflect its strategic objectives and the Ayrshire Growth Deal and Regional Partnership and to facilitate a wider operational and structural review.

The Panel

#### **Decided:**

- (1) to approve the revised staffing arrangements, as outlined in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (2) to note that the new post of Service Lead - Economy and Regeneration would undertake a detailed review of Economic Development and Regeneration activities and structure to reflect Council priorities and the Ayrshire Growth Deal and Regional Partnership and report findings and recommendations to Leadership Panel in September 2019;
- (3) to approve the establishment of a single, integrated Events and Tourism team by transferring events and tourism activities (and associated resources) from the Economic Development Team to the Service Lead – Community Services and Facilities, with links to the thematic Placemaking review, currently being led by the Executive Manager - People; and
- (4) to note that the Service Lead – Community Services and Facilities and Executive Manager – People would undertake a wider structural review of all Council Events and Tourism activities, including where the new integrated team should sit within the Council structure, and report the findings and recommendations to Leadership Panel by September 2019.

### **17. Consideration of Disclosure of the above Confidential Reports.**

#### **Decided:**

- (1) to authorise the disclosure under Standing Order 32.4 of the following report:-
  - Economic Development and Regeneration – Management Arrangements;
- (2) to authorise the disclosure under Standing Order 32.4 of the following report after conclusion of the sale:-
  - Sale of Peter Boyle Bowling Club, Craigie Road, Ayr;

- (3) to authorise the disclosure under Standing Order 32.4 of the following report after conclusion of the transactions:-
- Lease of the Former Darlington Church, Main Street, Ayr; and
- (4) not to authorise the disclosure under Standing Order 32.4 of the whole or part of the following report:-
- Acquisition of Land at Dailly and Girvan and Transfer of Former Invergarven School to Bargany Estates.

The meeting ended at 11.40 a.m.