

## **LEADERSHIP PANEL.**

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr  
on 20 August 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; T. Baulk, Head of Finance and ICT; K. O’Hagan, Head of Employee and Customer Services; M. Inglis, Head of Children’s Health, Care and Justice Services; D. Yuille, Service Lead – Special Property Projects; C. Monaghan, Community Services and Facilities; M. Baker, Service Lead – Corporate Planning and Improvement; G. Farrell, Service Lead – Organisational Development; 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 11 June 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 Supported and Continuing Care Service Adult Placement Service.**

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 13 August 2019 by the Head of Children’s Health, Care and Justice Services advising on progress in addressing the recommendations of an announced (short notice) inspection of the Supported and Continuing Care Service on 6 March 2019.

Following questions from Members of the Panel and having noted the positive outcomes arising from the Inspection, that officers were confident of the new management structure in place, the training that was taking place, help that could be obtained from external sources and the relationship with educational establishments, the Panel

**Decided:**

- (1) to note the progress made in implementing the improvement actions from the inspection of Supported and Continuing Care Service Adult Placement Service conducted on 6 March 2019; and
- (2) to agree that a report on the findings of the next inspection, expected in six months time, be brought back to this Panel for consideration soon thereafter, but should there be a delay in the process, Elected Members be kept updated by the Members' Bulletin.

**Economy and Culture.**

**5. Maybole Regeneration Project.**

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 13 August 2019 by the Director – Place

- (1) advising of progress with the Maybole Regeneration Project; and
- (2) seeking agreement for £314,000 to be allocated to the project from the funds allocated to this Council through Town Centre Fund – Capital grant 2019-20.

Having noted the importance of this Project, the Panel

**Decided:** to agree that £314,000 be allocated to the Maybole Regeneration project from the Town Centre Fund monies.

**Corporate.**

**6. Invitation from Liaocheng Municipal Government.**

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 13 August 2019 by the Chief Executive for the Panel to consider an invitation received from Liaocheng Municipal Government.

Having noted the economic and cultural benefits that could arise from this visit, the Panel

**Decided:**

- (1) to agree that, following an invitation from Liaocheng Municipal Government, the Provost and a Council officer would form the delegation to attend and that the costs would be met from uncommitted reserves; and
- (2) to note that members of the business community would also be invited to attend, to be funded by their own resources.

## **Housing and Community Wellbeing.**

### **7. Staffing Arrangements - Information and Advice Hub.**

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 13 August 2019 by the Head of Employee and Customer Services seeking approval to delete an existing vacant 0.5 FTE Senior Information and Advice Advisor post (Level 8) and replace it with a new 0.7FTE Information and Advice Advisor post (Level 5) within the Information and Advice Hub to reflect customer requirements.

The Panel

**Decided:** to agree to delete an existing vacant 0.5 FTE Senior Information and Advice Advisor post (Level 8) and replace it with a new 0.7FTE Information and Advice Advisor post (Level 5) post.

### **8. Civic Government Scotland Act 1982 - Sexual Entertainment Venues – Changes Introduced by the Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015.**

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 13 August 2019 by the Head of Regulatory Services seeking agreement to carry out a public consultation on the licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues in South Ayrshire.

The Panel

**Decided:**

- (1) to note the terms of this report; and
- (2) to request the Head of Regulatory Services to carry out a public consultation in order to establish views on the following:-
  - (a) whether Sexual Entertainment Venues in South Ayrshire should be licensed;
  - (b) if licensed, what the appropriate number of Sexual Entertainment Venues for South Ayrshire should be; and
  - (c) if licensed, what should be included in a Sexual Entertainment Venue policy statement.

## **Resources and Performance.**

### **9. 2018/19 Out-turn Review.**

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 13 August 2019 by the Head of Finance and ICT advising of the outcome of a review of the 2018/19 underspends contained in the service out-turn reports to determine whether any could be identified for use as permanent savings in future years.

The Panel

**Decided:** to note that a review of the 2018/19 out-turn had taken place within corporate budgets and operational service areas but that there were no material recurring underspends identified for use as permanent savings in future years.

#### 10. **Public Space at the Riverside Site.**

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 13 August 2019 by the Director- Place providing an update on the project to create public space on the Riverside site at the bottom of Ayr High Street.

Following questions from Members and having noted that progress was being made and that the works were expected to be completed by 2021, the Panel

**Decided:**

- (1) to note the update on progress to date;
- (2) to approve the proposal to submit a New Project Request to SWHub to appoint a contractor to work with the selected designers to develop plans for the Riverside site; and
- (3) to request that the Director – Place submit a further report to this Panel seeking approval in advance of financial close for the project.

#### 11. **Supported Employment – Tailored Jobs Pilot.**

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 13 August 2019 by the Head of Employee and Customer Services seeking approval for the development of a two year pilot programme which would create tailored part-time jobs for young people with additional support needs who were participating in the Council's new supported employment programme.

Having welcomed the report and following questions from Members when it was noted that Managers would be provided with support to deliver this programme, the Panel

**Decided:** to approve the development of a two year pilot programme which would create tailored part-time jobs for young people with additional support needs who were participating in the Council's new supported employment programme.

#### 12. **Early May Bank Holiday 2020.**

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 13 August 2019 by the Head of Employee and Customer Services advising of the decisions of the UK and Scottish Governments to change the date of the early May bank holiday in 2020 from Monday 4 May to Friday 8 May to commemorate Victory in Europe (VE) Day.

Following discussion, the Panel

**Decided:** to agree

- (1) that the existing holiday for schools and all Council Employees remain unchanged (Monday 4 May 2020); and
- (2) that officers, in conjunction with Councillor Henderson look at how the Council could mark the 75th anniversary of VE day and also VJ day.

**13. 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 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

**Corporate.**

**14. Carrick Activity Centre, Dailly.**

There was submitted a report (Members only) of 15 August 2019 by the Depute Chief Executive and Director – People requesting support for Dailly Community Activity Centre Association Ltd as ‘lessee’ of the Carrick Activity Centre in Dailly, for the remainder of the current lease.

The Panel

**Decided:**

- (1) to agree to the outline of the support for the lessee, as detailed in the report with the associated costs being met from uncommitted reserves; and
- (2) to delegate authority to the Depute Chief Executive and Director – People to finalise details with the lessee on behalf of the Council.

**15. Consideration of Disclosure of the above Confidential Report.**

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

- Carrick Activity Centre, Dailly.

The meeting ended at 11.10 a.m.