

MINUTE
of
CABINET

Minute of meeting held at 10.00am in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Giffnock on 25 April 2024.

Present:

Councillor Owen O'Donnell (Leader) Councillor Danny Devlin
Councillor Andrew Anderson (Vice Chair) Councillor Katie Pragnell

Councillor O'Donnell, Leader, in the Chair

Attending:

Steven Quinn, Chief Executive; Caitriona McAuley, Director of Environment; Margaret McCrossan, Head of Accountancy (Chief Financial Officer)(*); Jamie Reid, Head of Communities and Transformation; Julie Breslin, Strategy and Partnership Manager; Michael McKernan, Economic Development and Inclusive Growth Manager; John Marley, Principal Traffic Officer; Alastair Ross, Corporate Landlord Manager; and John Burke, Democratic Services Officer.

(*) indicates remote attendance

Apologies:

None

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

834. There were no declarations of interest intimated.

EAST RENFREWSHIRE BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE PLAN 2024-2030

835. The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Business Operations and Partnerships seeking approval for the East Renfrewshire British Sign Language Plan for 2024-2030.

The British Sign Language (Scotland) Act 2015 made provision for the preparation and publication of national plans in relation to British Sign Language (BSL) and by requiring certain authorities to prepare and publish their own BSL Plans. The Scottish Government had published their second BSL National Plan 2023-2029 on 6 November 2023, which required listed authorities to publish their authority plans within 6 months (6 May 2024). This included East Renfrewshire Council.

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The proposed East Renfrewshire British Sign Language Plan for 2024 to 2030 was attached as an appendix to the report and had been prepared in consultation with a steering group of BSL users resident in East Renfrewshire, as well as a representative group of children and young people.

A small budget of £5000 was attached to the delivery of the Plan, and the report outlined some of the awareness raising activities that would be undertaken using that funding.

In discussing the report, members highlighted the importance of the Plan in improving accessibility for residents using BSL. In particular, the possibility of BSL interpretation on the Council's Committees was discussed. It was noted that members of the deaf community in East Renfrewshire were invited to the Equality Forum and BSL interpreters were booked for those meetings to facilitate.

Following a brief discussion, the Cabinet approved the British Sign Language Plan for East Renfrewshire 2024-2030 prior to publication in May 2024.

PROPERTY ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN 2024-2026

836. The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Environment seeking approval for the updated Property Asset Management Plan 2024-2026.

The Council's Property Asset Management Plan, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, had been updated to fit into the hierarchy of the Corporate Asset Management Plan. It outlined the approach being taken by the Council on the management of its non-domestic built assets.

The report provided details on the amendments that had been made, as well as the overall structure of the Plan and the key challenges identified to property management in it.

Following a brief discussion regarding how the Plan could inform work on the Council's housing stock and the fact that there were no properties in East Renfrewshire currently marked as "at risk", the Cabinet approved the Property Asset Management Plan 2024-2026.

UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND 2022-2025

837. The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Environment seeking homologation of previous verbal approval for additional funding to the Netherlee to Stamperland Walkway project, utilising an underspend in the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) award from the UK Government for the period 2023-2025.

Cabinet had approved the East Renfrewshire SPF Local Investment Plan at its meeting on 10 November 2022 (Item 225, Page 290 refers) and, subsequently, approve a transfer of £65,000 of underspent monies from the Multiply programme to the SPF at its meeting of 25 January 2024 (Item 712, Page 732 refers).

The Netherlee to Stamperland Walkway project had been approved at Cabinet on 24 August 2023 (Item 550, Page 602 refers). Funding of £28,000 was required to make up a shortfall in the budget, and it had been identified that part of the underspent monies within the SPF could be utilised to make this up, recognising the value of this project to the community.

As the increased costs were required to be met urgently to ensure that the main works contracts could be signed by the end of March 2024, verbal approval had been sought and received by Councillors O'Donnell, Devlin and Pragnell on 8 February 2024, this matter was now being brought before Cabinet for formal homologation.

Following a brief discussion, the Cabinet:-

- (a) noted the underspend in SPF Communities and Place intervention;
- (b) homologated the decision to provide additional funding for the Netherlee to Stamperland Walkway project; and
- (c) noted that the Economic Development and Inclusive Growth Manager would come back to the Committee with information on the proposed start date of works on the project.

THE EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL (DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACES)(ON-STREET) ORDER 2020 (AMENDMENT NO. 2)

838. The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Environment seeking approval for the making and confirmation of the East Renfrewshire Council (Disabled Persons' Parking Places)(On-Street) Order 2020 (Amendment No. 2).

The Cabinet:

- (a) noted the content of the report and approved the making of the East Renfrewshire Council (Disabled Persons' Parking Places)(On-Street) Order 2020 (Amendment No. 2); and
- (b) delegated to the Director of Environment the implementation of the Order in accordance with associated statutory procedures.

CHAIR

