

MINUTE
of
CABINET

Minute of virtual meeting held at 10.00am on 24 September 2020.

Present:

Councillor Tony Buchanan (Leader)
Councillor Caroline Bamforth
Councillor Danny Devlin

Councillor Alan Lafferty
Councillor Colm Merrick
Councillor Paul O’Kane

Councillor Buchanan, Leader, in the Chair

Attending:

Lorraine McMillan, Chief Executive; Andy Cahill, Director of Environment; Margaret McCrossan, Head of Accountancy (Chief Financial Officer); Phil Daws, Head of Environment (Strategic Services); Gill Darbyshire, Chief Executive’s Business Manager; Craig Geddes, Senior Information and Improvement Officer; and Paul O’Neil, Committee Services Officer.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1363. There were no declarations of interest intimated.

END-YEAR PERFORMANCE REPORT 2019/20 – CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S OFFICE

1364. The Cabinet considered a report by the Chief Executive in relation to the End-Year Performance Report 2019/20 in respect of the Chief Executive’s Office, details of which were outlined in the appended to the report.

The Cabinet approved the report as a summary of the Chief Executive’s Office End-Year Performance for 2019/20.

REDESIGN OF HOMELESS SERVICES IN EAST RENFREWSHIRE

1365. The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Environment, providing details of the need to review the approach to addressing homelessness in East Renfrewshire and to reinforce the importance of a corporate approach to tackling the issue in accordance with Scottish Government guidance issued in November 2019.

Whilst homelessness and rough sleeping in East Renfrewshire is lower than some of the Council’s neighbouring authorities, it still presented a significant challenge for the Council and the local community. By taking a corporate and Scottish Government Service Design approach there was an opportunity to deliver services differently and based on the need of

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the household. There was also a significant opportunity to break the cycle of homelessness that some households find themselves in.

The Cabinet noted the need to review the approach to addressing homelessness in East Renfrewshire and the importance of a corporate approach to tackling the issue.

RESPONSE TO THE AUDIT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE'S INVESTIGATION ON INCOME GENERATION AND COMMERCIALISATION

1366. The Cabinet considered a report by the Chief Executive, providing a response for Cabinet consideration to the Audit and Scrutiny Committee's Investigation on Income Generation and Commercialisation Opportunities.

The Cabinet:-

- (a) considered and approved the response to the Audit and Scrutiny Committee's report of 21 November 2019 on its Investigation on Income Generation and Commercialisation opportunities within East Renfrewshire Council; and
- (b) noted the progress made to date by Departments in relation to implementing the recommendations (where accepted).

REVIEW OF THE STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER AND RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRESS

1367. The Cabinet considered a report by the Chief Executive, providing the latest biannual update of the Council's Strategic Risk Register and a summary of risk management progress. The previous update of the Strategic Risk Register was considered by the Cabinet on 6 June 2019. This report was due to be considered by Cabinet in May 2020 but was delayed due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

The Cabinet noted the development of the Council's Strategic Risk Register noting that this was considered a "live" document and would be updated and amended by the Corporate Management Team (CMT) as appropriate.

CHAIR