

MINUTE
of
CABINET

Minute of Meeting held at 10.00am in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Giffnock on 9 April 2015.

Present:

Councillor Jim Fletcher (Leader)	Councillor Ian McAlpine
Councillor Tony Buchanan (Deputy Leader)	Councillor Mary Montague
Councillor Danny Devlin	

Councillor Fletcher, Leader, in the Chair

Attending:

Lorraine McMillan, Chief Executive; Mhairi Shaw, Director of Education; Andy Cahill, Director of Environment; Margaret McCrossan, Head of Accountancy (Chief Financial Officer); Ken McKinlay, Head of Education Services (Culture, Sports and Continuing Education); Phil Daws, Housing Services Manager; Stuart Free, Principal Officer (Asset Management); and Paul O'Neil, Committee Services Officer.

Apologies:

Councillors Elaine Green and Vincent Waters.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1511. There were no declarations of interest intimated.

CONTRACT FOR THE MIXED TENURE SCHEME

1512. The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Environment, seeking approval for an exemption from the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts to allow the Council to continue to contract with VERG Ltd, to continue to deliver the successful Mixed Tenure Scheme for a period of 6 months, whilst a new tender process was undertaken.

Whilst noting that the Mixed Tenure Scheme had proven to be a significant success, culminating in awards for its innovation in service user involvement and service delivery, the report highlighted that as the current contract had reached its spend threshold, it was necessary to re-tender. As the anticipated contract spend reached European threshold levels, strict procurement rules and therefore specific timescales applied to the re-tender meaning a 6 month time period to re-tender and award the new contract.

The report explained to ensure continuity of service it was proposed to enter into a contract with the existing contractor VERG Limited for a period of 6 months to continue to deliver the Mixed Tenure Scheme. This would be on the basis of the existing framework terms/rates, with the value of spend over the 6 month period anticipated to be less than £80,000.

Approval was being sought for an exemption under Clause 6(iv) of the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts to allow VERG Limited to continue to deliver the Mixed Tenure Scheme within East Renfrewshire,

The Cabinet agreed to approve an exemption under Clause 6(iv) of the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts to allow VERG Limited to continue to deliver the Mixed Tenure Scheme within East Renfrewshire, whilst a new tender process was undertaken.

ARTS STRATEGY 2015/2018

1513. The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Education, seeking approval of the Arts Strategy 2015-18. A copy of the strategy was appended to the report.

Whilst noting that the strategy focused on 4 key areas which included amongst other things, developing and strengthening partnership working among Council services and with external agencies; and ensuring a broad range and spread of quality activities and opportunities within current budget restraints, the report highlighted that a key aim of the strategy was to realise the value of arts and culture and the contribution they made to residents and communities in East Renfrewshire.

The report highlighted that increasing that value would in part be made possible through reducing the operational demands from Eastwood Park Theatre as a result of streamlining management through the Leisure Transformation project. The aim would be to free up resources to increase the arts contribution to early years and regeneration in particular.

The Cabinet approved the Arts Strategy 2015-18.

SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY STRATEGY 2015-18

1514. The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Education, seeking approval of the Sport and Physical Activity Strategy 2015-18. A copy of the strategy was appended to the report.

The report explained that the previous strategy for sport had now expired and there had been the need to review and re-establish direction for the service, particularly given the impact of the Commonwealth Games in 2014. It was noted that the overarching benefit of the strategy would be more Council residents being physically active more often. Details of the benefits of the strategy were outlined in the report. It was noted that the delivery of these benefits would be through focusing on 4 key areas, which included amongst other things school physical education, physical activity and sport and promoting wellbeing through physical activity.

The Cabinet approved the Sport and Physical Activity Strategy 2015-18.

Resolution to Exclude Press and Public

At this point in the meeting, on the motion of the Leader, the Cabinet unanimously resolved that in accordance with the provisions of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 6 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 7A to the Act.

PROPOSED SALE OF FORMER PARKS DEPOT AT ARTHURLIE STREET, BARRHEAD

1515. The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Environment, seeking approval for the proposed sale of the former parks depot at 56 Arthurlie Street, Barrhead. A copy of a plan showing the site was appended to the report.

The Cabinet approved the sale of the former parks depot at 56 Arthurlie Street, Barrhead as detailed in the report.

CHAIR

