

MINUTE
of
CABINET

Minute of Meeting held at 10.00am in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Giffnock on 1 May 2014.

Present:

Councillor Tony Buchanan (Deputy Leader)	Councillor Ian McAlpine
Councillor Danny Devlin	Councillor Mary Montague
Councillor Elaine Green	Councillor Vincent Waters

Councillor Buchanan, Deputy Leader, in the Chair

Attending:

Lorraine McMillan, Chief Executive; Caroline Innes, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate and Community Services; Mhairi Shaw, Director of Education; Andy Cahill, Director of Environment; Margaret McCrossan, Head of Accountancy (Chief Financial Officer); Louise Pringle, Head of Customer and Business Change Services; Ken McKinlay, Head of Education Services (Culture, Sport and Continuing Education); Iain MacLean, Head of Environment (Planning, Property and Regeneration); Candy Millard, Head of Strategic Services; Phil Prentice, Regeneration and Economic Development Manager; Phil Daws, Housing Services Manager; Gordon Moffatt, Transport Manager; Stuart Free, Principal Officer (Asset Management); and Paul O'Neil, Committee Services Officer.

Apologies:

Councillors Jim Fletcher (Leader) and Alan Lafferty.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1034. There were no declarations of interest intimated.

DRAFT OUTCOME DELIVERY PLAN 2014/17

1035. The Cabinet considered a report by the Chief Executive seeking approval of the draft Outcome Delivery Plan 2014/17. A copy of the plan was appended to the report.

Whilst noting that this was the Council's 6th ODP and that the content was now organised by the 5 Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) outcomes, and the section on the supporting organisational areas of Customer, Efficiency and People, the report highlighted that the ODP was a 3-year plan which was updated annually and was an important document for the Council as it set out the key plans that the Council would deliver on its commitments in the Single Outcome Agreement and Corporate Statement.

The plan also included a set of indicators and targets to enable the Council to check progress on a 6-monthly basis. Furthermore, details of departmental spending plans were also included in the plan. It was noted that as extensive changes to the plan were made last year there had been relatively minor changes made in this year's update process.

The report concluded by highlighting that the ODP demonstrated that the Council had a clear sense of strategic direction and was integrated with the Community Planning Partnership's Single Outcome Agreement. It was noted that Council services had been working hard to ensure that performance measures were robust and that they demonstrated what the Council was trying to achieve.

The Cabinet:-

- (a) approved the contents of the draft Outcome Delivery Plan 2014/17; and
- (b) **recommended to the Council** that the draft Outcome Delivery Plan 2014/17 be approved.

COMMUNITY HEALTH AND CARE PARTNERSHIP CHARGING UPDATE 2014/15

1036. Under reference to the Minute of meeting of 21 November 2013, (Page 776, Item 814 refers), when the developing context of charging for the CHCP in relation to the Social Care (Self Directed Support) (Scotland) Act 2013 was noted, the Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Community Health and Care Partnership, advising of the developing approach to charging following the implementation of the Self Directed Support legislation which came into effect on 1 April 2014.

The report highlighted that as previously reported to the Cabinet an equivalence approach was being taken within the CHCP to establish individual budgets under Self Directed Support and it was noted that the approved equivalence rate for Personal Care had been set at £13 for standard care, reflecting the direct costs associated with delivering such a service. The current Care at Home charge was set at £13.10 per hour, and this clearly delivered inconsistency for CHCP policy.

The report proposed that the Care at Home charge be amended to £13 per hour for the 2014/15 financial year, bringing it in line with the equivalence rate. Furthermore, as the majority of Care at Home service users were over 65 and did not pay for Personal Care, the financial impact of this on the CHCP budget was minimal. It was noted that based on 2013/14 income levels, loss of income had been estimated at around £500 for the year. Details of the charging policy definition updates in respect of Care at Home, Housing Support and Day Services were outlined in the report.

The report concluded by indicating that to ensure consistency and equity for service users, a number of minor amendments had been identified in relation to the CHCP charging policy. It was noted that realigning the Care at Home charge to the Personal Care equivalence rate, alongside greater clarity on definitions of existing charges would ensure individuals across care groups were subject to a consistent approach to charging, and that in the context of difficult budget decisions individuals who were able to contribute towards their care did so.

The Cabinet:-

- (a) noted the phased approach planned for incorporating charging into Self Directed Support (SDS) policies and procedures;

- (b) noted the points of clarity in relation to current charge definitions; and
- (c) agreed that the Care at Home hourly charge be realigned to the Personal Care equivalence rate.

2014 COMMONWEALTH GAMES LEGACY PLAN

1037. The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Education, seeking approval for the East Renfrewshire Legacy Plan for the 2014 Commonwealth Games. A copy of the plan was appended to the report.

The report set out the 4 legacy themes for the games which were noted as An Active Scotland; A Connected Scotland; A Sustainable Scotland; and A Flourishing Scotland and explained that recognising the wide spread of the legacy themes, the legacy plan had been developed by a working group drawn from several Council departments and services.

Whilst noting that much of the focus was inevitably on the active theme given the sporting content of the games, the report stated that the games presented a unique opportunity to motivate residents of all ages and from all sections of the Council's communities to take part in sport and physical activity. The Commonwealth Games also created the opportunity to derive maximum benefit from recent and planned investment in the Council's sporting infrastructure, both indoor and outdoor.

The Cabinet agreed the actions contained within the legacy plan for the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

CORPORATE PARENTING - HOUSING AND COMMUNITY HEALTH AND CARE PARTNERSHIP JOINT PROTOCOL FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN

1038. Under reference to the Minute of the meeting of 30 May 2013 (Page 537, Item 562 refers), when it was agreed amongst other things to approve proposals to improve the provision of services for homeless households in East Renfrewshire, the Cabinet considered a joint report by the Director of Environment and the Director of the Community Health and Care Partnership, seeking approval for the terms of a Housing and Community Health and Care Partnership (CHCP) protocol for responding to the housing and housing support needs of Looked After Young People, Care Leavers and other vulnerable young people. A copy of the draft Housing and CHCP protocol was appended to the report.

The report highlighted that work had been undertaken by the CHCP and Housing Services staff to develop a joint protocol which aimed to improve the housing outcomes for young people and particularly for Looked After Young People and Care Leavers to whom the Council had particular corporate parenting responsibilities. It was noted that the report explained that the protocol would assist the Council in meeting commitments made to young people in its Single Outcome Agreement, Local Housing Strategy, Integrated Children's Service Plan and Homeless Prevention Plan. Furthermore, the protocol was consistent with new guidance published by the Scottish Government in October 2003 on Housing Options Protocols for Care Leavers.

The report explained that it was proposed that housing support staff would be invited to participate in a meeting with the young person 6-months prior to leaving care to discuss their housing options and needs and to contribute to the Young Person's Plan. Furthermore, it was proposed that a Housing and CHCP Accommodation Group be established which would meet regularly to consider the housing options primarily of young impending care leavers but also of other vulnerable young people.

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The Cabinet:-

- (a) approved the terms of the Joint Housing and CHCP protocol for housing Looked After Young People, Young Care Leavers and other vulnerable young people;
- (b) approved the new joint working arrangements aimed at meeting the accommodation requirements of these young people as set out in the protocol; and
- (c) noted that the outcomes delivered for young people would be monitored and formally evaluated, with the results being reported annually through the Local Housing Strategy and the Integrated Children's Services Plan monitoring frameworks.

FLEET ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

1039. The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Environment, seeking approval of the Fleet Asset Management Plan and the associated improvement plan. A copy of the plan was appended to the report.

Whilst noting that the Council had a large and varied fleet currently valued in excess of £3 million but with a replacement value in excess of £6 million and was therefore a substantial asset owned by the Council, the report highlighted that the Fleet Asset Management Plan provided information on the performance of the Transport Section and provided evidence of outstanding national benchmarking over a sustained period of years.

The plan also included the Council's current policy on vehicle replacement and demonstrated how Best Value was being achieved while improving sustainability across the fleet. Furthermore, the plan had been developed to incorporate the Council's goals and objectives as outlined in the Council's Single Outcome Agreement and Outcome Delivery Plan. It was noted that the plan had made best use of available and financial data to provide an indication of the value of the fleet asset and the level of service and would be regularly updated by the Transport Manager as fleet replacement was undertaken.

The report concluded by indicating that the preparation of the Fleet Asset Management Plan followed guidance from the Scottish Government in relation to its content and its importance in facilitating an efficient and effective transport service. This principle followed closely the Council's corporate goals and fitted well with the Council's Corporate Asset Management Plan.

The Cabinet approved the Fleet Asset Management Plan and the associated Improvement Plan.

PROPOSED RENEWABLE ENERGY OPPORTUNITY – GREENHAGS BY NEWTON MEARNS

1040. The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Environment, seeking approval to proceed to advertise a leasing opportunity of Council owned grazing land at Greenhags in Newton Mearns, for the possible development of renewable energy uses. A plan showing the site was appended to the report.

The report explained that the Cabinet had already agreed to allow Intelligent Land Investments (Renewable Energy) Limited to investigate the viability of a small scale windfarm on part of the Council's land at Greenhags and that this opportunity was currently being pursued by the developer. It was noted that in the meantime, the Council had been approached by another developer seeking an agreement that would allow it to investigate the viability of a renewable energy use on another part of the same site. The report indicated that in order to demonstrate Best Value it was proposed that this opportunity be advertised on the open market.

The report explained that it was anticipated that the Council would enter into an agreement with the successful developer to allow them to investigate the viability of their proposal. In the event that it was found to be viable and the developer was able to obtain all necessary permissions and consents, the developer would then enter into a ground lease with the Council which would in return receive an income.

The Cabinet approved the proposal to advertise a leasing opportunity of Council owned grazing land at Greenhags in Newton Mearns, for the possible development of renewable energy uses.

Resolution to Exclude Press and Public

At this point in the meeting, on the motion of the Deputy 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 items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 6 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 7A to the Act.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS AT SHANKS INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, BARRHEAD

1041. The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Environment, seeking approval to progress legal arrangements with Cruden Estates Limited regarding the redevelopment of Shanks Industrial Park, including the disposal of Council owned land. Copies of the plan of the site, details of the provisional terms of the development agreement between the Council and Cruden and details of the main terms of the agreement appeared as appendices to the report.

The Cabinet authorised the Director of Environment to progress the legal arrangements with Cruden Estates Limited regarding the development of Shanks Park, including the disposal of Council owned assets, on the basis of the terms detailed in the report.

PROPOSED SALE OF GROUND AT 22 MURIEL STREET, BARRHEAD

1042. The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Environment, seeking approval for the proposed sale of the Council's landlord's interest in the ground at 22 Muriel Street, Barrhead.

The Cabinet approved the proposed sale of the Council's landlord interests in the land at 22 Muriel Street, Barrhead.

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PROPOSED SALE OF LAND TO REAR OF 11B HAWTHORN GARDENS AND 9 ELM STREET, BUSBY

1043. The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Environment, seeking approval for the proposed sale of Council owned land adjoining 11B Hawthorn Gardens and 9 Elm Street, Busby. A copy of the site plan was appended to the report.

The Cabinet:-

- (a) approved the proposed sale of land to the owners of 11B Hawthorn Gardens and 9 Elm Street, Busby; and
- (b) agreed that it be delegated to the Director of Environment, in consultation with the Chief Officer - Legal and Procurement to make the necessary arrangements.

CHAIR