

LEADERSHIP PANEL.

Minutes of meeting being held remotely on 18 January 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Peter Henderson (Chair), Ian Cochrane, Chris Cullen, Julie Dettbarn, William Grant, Brian McGinley and Philip Saxton.

Attending: E. Howat, Chief Executive; C. Caves, Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services; T. Baulk, Head of Finance and ICT; T. Eltringham, Director of Health and Social Care; L. Reid, Assistant Director – Place; K. Carr, Assistant Director – Place; M. Newall, Assistant Director – People; J. Wood, Senior Manager, Planning and Performance; D. Yuille, Service Lead – Special Property Projects; K. Anderson, Service Lead – Policy, Performance and Community Planning; K. Dalrymple, Service Lead, Neighbourhood Services; C. Boyd, Service Lead – Risk and Safety; C. Iles, Service Lead – Planning and Building Standards; T. Leijser, Service Lead – Economy and Regeneration; K. Mullen, Service Lead – ICT Operations, ICT Strategy and Delivery; D. Anderson, Estates Co-ordinator; K. Braidwood, Ayrshire Roads Alliance; A. Gibson, Committee Services Officer; and E. Moore, Clerical Assistant.

1. Opening Remarks.

The Chair took the sederunt, confirmed to Members the procedures to conduct this meeting and advised that the meeting was being broadcast live.

2. 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.

3. Minutes of previous meetings.

The minutes of 23 November and 30 November (Special) 2021 (issued) were submitted and approved.

4. Decision Log.

Following discussion regarding the entry relating to "Implementation of 20 mph speed restrictions across South Ayrshire Villages", the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to approve the overdue action;
- (2) to approve the actions listed with revised due dates; and
- (3) to note the recently completed actions.

Environment.

5. Developer Contribution Governance and Reporting Arrangements.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 10 January 2022 by the Assistant Director – Place seeking approval for revised governance and reporting arrangements relating to Developer Contributions required from developers as part of their Planning Permissions.

Following discussion regarding local Members involvement, the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to approve the governance and reporting arrangements relating to Developer Contributions, as detailed in the report, including the publication of an annual report at present, which would be increased to a six-monthly report, dependent on information being available from developers; and
- (2) to agree that a Briefing Note be sent to Members on the process for dealing with developer contributions.

6. Improving Biodiversity in South Ayrshire.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 10 January 2022 by the Assistant Director – Place

- (1) advising of the outcome of the pilot wildflower meadows created in 2021; and
- (2) seeking approval for a phase 2 expansion of the project throughout South Ayrshire.

The Panel

Decided: to approve

- (a) the continuation of the wildflower meadows sown as part of the 2021 pilot, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (b) the development of the wildflower meadows identified in Appendix 2 for summer of 2022.

Corporate.**7. Strategic Risk Management.**

There was submitted a report (issued) of 10 January 2022 by the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services providing an update on the Reviewed Strategic Risk Register, in line with the agreed reporting arrangements.

Having considered the reviewed Strategic Risk Register, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, updated by Chief Officers which included information on a new risk impacting Ash Trees, the Panel

Decided: to note the twelve key risks and endorse the work currently being undertaken or proposed by risk owners to mitigate these risks.

8. Council Plan – 2018-22 (2020 Mid-Term Refresh) Extension.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 10 January 2022 by the Assistant Director – People requesting an extension to the Council Plan 2018-22(2020 Mid-Term Refresh).

The Panel

Decided: to agree

- (1) an extension to the current Plan by no more than one year (to allow the Local Government Election to take place and for Members elected in 2022 to be involved in the development of the next iteration of the plan); and
- (2) that progress on the current plan would continue to be reported to the Service and Performance Panel on a quarterly basis.

Corporate/Economy and Culture**9. Skypath Training Community Interest Company (CIC).**

There was submitted a report (issued) of 12 January 2022 by the Assistant Director – Place providing an update on the Skypath Training Community Interest Company (CIC) and proposed reporting arrangements.

Following a question from a Member of the Panel and having noted the importance of training and skills development, the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to note progress in setting up successful operations of the Skypath Training CIC; and
- (2) to approve that further updates would be provided on an annual basis to the Partnerships Panel.

Housing and Community Wellbeing/Resources and Performance/Environment.

10. Affordable Housing – Mainholm Enabling Works.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 10 January 2022 by the Assistant Director – Place seeking approval to instruct HubSW to carry out enabling works to demolish the John Pollock Centre/former Mainholm Academy prior to the start of the main construction works to build affordable housing on the site.

Following discussion and having noted that a Community Hub would be developed, the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to approve the recommendation to instruct HubSW to carry out enabling works to demolish the John Pollock Centre/former Mainholm Academy prior to the start of the main construction works to build affordable housing on the site; and
- (2) to request the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services to arrange for execution of the necessary documents on behalf of the Council under the Council's Scheme of Delegation.

11. Affordable Housing – Riverside Enabling Works.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 10 January 2022 by the Assistant Director – Place seeking approval to instruct HubSW to carry out enabling works to demolish the Riverside Flats prior to the start of the main construction works to build affordable housing on the site.

The Panel

Decided:

- (1) to approve the recommendation to instruct HubSW to carry out enabling works to demolish the Riverside Flats prior to the start of the main construction works to build affordable housing on the site; and
- (2) to request the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services to arrange for execution of the necessary documents on behalf of the Council under the Council's Scheme of Delegation.

Adults' Health and Social Care/ Resources and Performance.

12. Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) Winter Pressures Funding (Additional Posts).

There was submitted a report (issued) of 10 January 2022 by the Director of Health and Social Care seeking approval for a range of staffing changes (10 new posts and permanency of 22.8 existing temporary posts) within the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP), using additional 'winter pressures' funding from Scottish Government.

Having considered the background and South Ayrshire HSCP Winter 2021-22 Investment Plan, outlining the rationale for the proposed use of additional Scottish Government funding; and having noted the importance of the posts being flexible to meet community needs, the Panel

Decided: to agree

- (1) to the creation of the posts outlined within the report and detailed in Section 4 of the report; and
- (2) that recruitment to these posts should be expedited to ensure maximum impact, ie alleviating current pressures on the local health and care system.

Resources and Performance.

13. ICT Data Centre – Hosting and Delivery Model.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 11 January 2022 by the Head of Finance and ICT seeking approval

- (1) of the strategy to move from an on-premises Data Centre hosting and delivery model to an off-premises cloud hosted alternative; and
- (2) to implement Phase 1 of the recommended strategy.

Following discussion and having noted that there would be no staffing savings associated with the strategy, the Panel

Decided:

- (a) to approve the strategy to move to a hybrid model of hosting using public cloud services using a two-phase approach for the reduction of existing on-premises Data Centre's at County Buildings and McCall's Avenue;
- (b) to approve Phase 1 of the initial migration of disaster recovery services to public cloud services, subject to securing appropriate revenue resources as part of the 2022-23 budget;
- (c) to note the requirement to change the existing funding approach, with public cloud service being consumed on a revenue-based rental model, with initial on-going revenue funds of £200,000 being required in 2022-23;

- (d) to note the initial Phase 1 capital implementation cost will be met from the current ICT capital investment programme; and
- (e) to request that a report on the proposed wider migration of production services (Phase 2) be brought forward to Leadership Panel by the Head of Finance and ICT during 2022-23 seeking approval to commence the required Phase 2 works.

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14. Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2021/22.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 10 January 2022 by the Head of Finance and ICT providing a mid-year treasury management update for the financial year 2021/22.

Following discussion regarding the effect on inflation costs by Brexit, the Panel

Decided: to approve the contents of this report.

The Panel adjourned for ten minutes during consideration of the above item to allow Councillors experiencing connectivity issues to rejoin.

15. 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 remaining items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information in terms of paragraphs 8 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

Environment/ Resources and Performance.

16. Proposed Resolution to Title Issues at Bridge Street, Girvan.

There was submitted a report (Members only) of 12 January 2022 by the Assistant Director – Place seeking authority to address issues with the Council's title at its recycling centre in Bridge Street, Girvan, that once resolved would allow the proposed redevelopment of the site for a new office and welfare facilities to proceed as planned.

The Panel

Decided: in accordance with paragraphs 4.1 and 4.2 of the report,

- (1) to grant authority to declare the area shown shaded dark grey in the plan attached as Appendix 1 of the report, as being surplus to requirements;
- (2) to grant authority to dispose of the area shaded dark grey in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (3) to grant authority to acquire the area shaded light grey in Appendix 1 of the report;

- (4) to grant authority to enter into a servitude right of access over the area shown hatched in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (5) to grant authority to enter into a servitude over the area shown cross hatched in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (6) to grant authority to enter into a licence to occupy the area shaded dark grey for one year to allow the works to the new office and welfare facilities;
- (7) to request the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services to conclude these transactions; and
- (8) to agree that officers provide a Briefing note to members on the process and the associated costs and resources required to produce detailed title reports on ground owned by the Council as identified by the Director of Place.

17. Proposed Land Purchase at Liberator Drive, Heathfield, Ayr.

There was submitted a report (Members only) of 11 January 2022 by the Assistant Director – Place seeking authority to enter into an agreement to purchase a site at Heathfield in Ayr for use as a waste transfer facility.

Decided:

- (1) to grant authority to purchase the area, as detailed in the report, subject to the terms and conditions as outlined in the Addendum (confidential) to this report; and
- (2) to request the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services to conclude this transaction.

18. Consideration of Disclosure of the above Confidential Reports.

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

- Proposed Resolution to Title Issues at Bridge Street, Girvan; and
- Proposed Land Purchase at Liberator Drive, Heathfield, Ayr.

The meeting ended at 12.05 p.m.