

LEADERSHIP PANEL (SPECIAL)

Minutes of meeting being held remotely on 1 March 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; D. Gillies, Director - Place; L. Reid, Assistant Director – Place; J. Bradley, Assistant Director – People; K. Carr, Assistant Director – Place; W. Wesson, Service Lead – HR & Payroll, Employee Services; D. Alexander, Service Lead - Procurement; K. Dalrymple, Service Lead - Neighbourhood Services; G. Farrell, Service Lead – Organisational Development and Customer Services; T. Leijser, Service Lead – Economy and Regeneration; L. Kerr, Co-ordinator – Destination, Promotion and Inclusive Participation; D. Parker, Corporate Parenting Lead Officer; M. Inglis, Head of Children’s Health; K. Braidwood, Ayrshire Roads Alliance; G. Senior, Ayrshire Roads Alliance; F. Maher, Committee Services Officer; C. Buchanan, Committee Services Officer and E. Moore, Clerical Assistant.

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.

1. 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.

Corporate/Economy and Culture

2(a). Community Wealth Building Action Plan

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 23 February by the Director – Place updating the Panel on the Community Wealth Building (CWB) activity and workplan.

Following discussion regarding local Members involvement, the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to note the progress made through the Member/Officer Working Group (MOWG) and approve the CWB workplan; and
- (2) to approve the MOWG recommendation that an Annual Progress Report be considered by the Service and Performance Panel as part of the supporting the local economy review.

Resource and Performance

3(a). Local Procurement Policy Statement - Update

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 23 February 2022 by Assistant Director – Place providing Members with an update on the Local Procurement Policy Statement approved at Leadership Panel in March 2021 and seeking approval on further proposals to improve focus on local suppliers.

The Panel

Decided:

- (1) to consider the progress made regarding the Local Procurement Policy Statement as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (2) to approve the changes to the Council's Procurement Journey Guidance as outlined in Section 4.1 to 4.4 of the report.

Children and Young People

4(a). South Ayrshire's Proposal to Support Unaccompanied and Asylum-Seeking Children

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 23 February 2022 by the Head of Children's Health, Care and Justice Services updating Members in relation to the previous proposal on 22 November 2021 in relation to receiving Unaccompanied and Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC) to South Ayrshire.

Decided:

- (1) to note the progress that has been made to date in relation to the activity that had taken place surrounding the identification of foster carers for unaccompanied and asylum-seeking children and the provision of support for young people, where applicable from 16-17 years of age, within Housing Support Services;
- (2) to note the change in the National Transfer Scheme and the mandating now applicable to the Local Authority; and
- (3) to note the Short Life Working Group now operated as a Settlement Hub when UASC were identified to come to South Ayrshire and the creation of a Strategic Oversight Group; and .
- (4) to request that further updates are provided via the Members' Bulletin

4(b). South Ayrshire's Parenting Promise

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 23 February 2022 by the Head of Children's Health Care and Justice Services updating Members on South Ayrshire's Parenting Promise covering the period 2021 to 2030.

The Panel

Decided:

- (1) to note the publication of South Ayrshire's Parenting Promise as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (2) to offer commitment to progressing the actions within the Parenting Promise Action Plan.

Economy and Culture

5(a). Tourism and Events Strategy

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 23 February 2022 by the Assistant Director – People updating Members on the progress made with the implementation of the Interim Strategic Approach to Tourism and Events and to seek approval for the Tourism and Events Strategy.

The Panel

Decided:

- (1) to consider the progress made by Officers in the implementation of the Interim Strategic Approach to Tourism and Events as outlined in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (2) to approve the Tourism and Events Strategy as attached in Appendix 2 of the report.

Environment

6(a). Waste Strategy 2021-2031 Progress Report

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 23 February 2022 by the Assistant Director – Place providing Members with the annual review of the progress made in delivering the South Ayrshire Council Waste Strategy 2021 to 2031.

The Panel

Decided: to consider the annual review of the South Ayrshire Council Waste Strategy 2021 to 2031 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report and agreed to an annual review of the strategy be submitted to the Service and Performance Panel.

6(b). South Ayrshire Council's Active Travel Strategy

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 23 February 2022 the Director – Place seeking Members' approval of an Active Travel Strategy for South Ayrshire Council, following a three month consultation draft process.

The Panel

Decided: to defer the item to the Leadership Panel on 8 March 2022.

Corporate/Resource and Performance

7(a). Future Operating Model

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 23 February 2022 by the Assistant Director – People updating Members on the progress to develop proposals for our Future Operating Model and seeking approval to implement new workstyles; implement supporting employee policies and procedures; and to continue to pilot the reintroduction of fact to face customer services by appointment.

The Panel

Decided: to defer the item to the Leadership Panel on 8 March 2022.

The meeting ended at 11:00 a.m.