

Motherwell, 30 October 2012 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor McKenna, Convener; Councillor McPake, Vice-Convener; Councillors Baird, Cefferty, Cochrane, J. Coyle, Curley, Goldie, Grant, Harmon, P. Hogg, W. Hogg, Irvine, Logue, Love, Lyle, MacGregor, McAuley, McCulloch, McGlinchey, McNally, Maginnis, Majid, Masterton, Nolan, O'Rorke, Spowart, Annette Valentine and Wallace.

CHAIR

Councillor McPake (Vice-Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Chief Committee Services Manager; Executive Director of Environmental Services; Head of Land Services; Head of Facility Support Services; Head of Planning and Development; Head of Protective Services; Head of Regeneration and Infrastructure Services; Head of Roads and Transportation, and Business Support Manager.

APOLOGIES

Councillors McKendrick, McShannon, Morgan and Stocks.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Prior to consideration of the items on the agenda, Councillor McKenna, moved that Standing Order No. 12(a) be suspended to the extent necessary to permit Councillor McPake (Vice-Convener) to chair the meeting.

On being put to the meeting, the Members unanimously agreed to the suspension of Standing Orders.

Thereon, Councillor McPake took the Chair.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000

1. Councillor Goldie declared a non-financial interest in paragraph 14(c) by virtue of being a member of Sanctuary Housing Association and took no part in the consideration thereof.

PERFORMANCE PORTFOLIO REPORT – FIRST QUARTER 2012/13

2. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 30 October 2012 by the Executive Director of Environmental Services (1) providing details of performance in relation to indicators contained within the performance portfolio; (2) detailing the background relative thereto; (3) summarising performance portfolio progress from 1 April to 30 June 2012, and (4) containing, in an Appendix to the report, further details of how each Service was performing against their key performance measures and the proposed corrective action.

Decided: that the report be noted.

PERFORMANCE REVIEW – BUSINESS REGULATION SERVICE OPERATIONAL PLAN 2011/2012

3. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 18 October 2011, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 30 October 2012 by the Head of Protective Services (1) seeking approval of a performance review of the Business Regulation Service Operational Plan 2011/2012; (2) detailing the background relative thereto; (3) advising that the performance review had been completed in relation to the 2011/2012 Operational Plan; (4) summarising, in an Appendix to the report, the details of the performance review, and (5) indicating that a copy of the Business Regulation Service Operational Plan 2011/2012 was available within the Members' Library.

Decided: that the performance review of the Business Regulation Service Operational Plan 2011/2012 be approved.

DIET AND NUTRITION POLICY 2012-2016

- C** 4. With reference to paragraph 22 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 7 May 2008, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 30 October 2012 by the Head of Facility Support Services regarding a review of the Council's Diet and Nutrition Policy; (1) advising that the Council's Diet and Nutrition Policy had initially been developed in 2000 and reviewed both in 2006 and 2008; (2) indicating that, since the introduction of the Policy, significant national initiatives had been developed; (3) providing details of the key issues for inclusion within the Policy which required to be addressed as a result of these initiatives; (4) informing of the intention to develop a four year action plan to support the implementation of the Policy; (5) reporting that a Food and Nutrition Working Group would oversee the implementation, monitoring and review of the Policy, and (6) enclosing, in an Appendix to the report, the terms of reference and responsibilities of the Food and Nutrition Working Group.

Arising from discussion it was proposed that the Food and Nutrition Working Group also consider as part of their review (1) the dietary and nutritional needs of children and young people with additional support needs, and (2) the provision of vitamin D to children from deprived backgrounds, to assist their development.

Decided:

- (1) that the Diet and Nutrition Policy be reviewed to progress the changes to the current policy and report to a future meeting on the revised policy;
- (2) that the Food and Nutrition Group also take into consideration (a) the diet and nutrition for children and young people with additional support needs, and (b) the provision of vitamin D to children from deprived backgrounds;
- (3) that the report be referred to Learning and Leisure Services and Housing and Social Work Services Committees for information, and
- (4) that the report be otherwise noted.

FOOD HYGIENE INFORMATION SCHEME

5. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 30 October 2012 by the Head of Protective Services (1) regarding the implementation of the National Food Hygiene Information Scheme Initiative; (2) advising that the Food Hygiene Information Scheme (FHIS) was an initiative which had been developed by the Food Standards Agency in Scotland, in conjunction with consumer organisations, local authorities and the private sector; (3) reminding Members that the Council was currently operating a similar scheme known as Surf4Food; (4) reporting that the aim of the Food Standards Agency (Scotland) was to try and seek agreement of all local authorities within Scotland to participate
-
-

in the Scheme prior to the commencement of the Commonwealth Games to be held in 2014; (5) summarising the proposals and considerations associated with the implementation of the Scheme; (6) stating that the Food Standards Agency had agreed to provide funding of up to £30,000 to meet all expenses incurred, and (7) seeking approval of the proposal to implement the National Food Hygiene Information Scheme Initiative.

Decided: that the National Food Hygiene Information Scheme be implemented.

PUBLIC SERVICE IMPROVEMENT FRAMEWORK (PSIF) 2011/2013 UPDATE – LAND SERVICES

6. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 26 October 2010, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 30 October 2012 by the Head of Land Services (1) summarising the progress of the Land Services Public Service Improvement Framework (PSIF) Improvement Plan, and (2) detailing, in Appendix 1 to the report, the ongoing and new actions contained in the PSIF Improvement Action Plan for 2011/2013.

Decided: that the report be noted.

PUBLIC SERVICE IMPROVEMENT FRAMEWORK (PSIF) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT - UPDATE 2011/2013

7. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 1 February 2011, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 30 October 2012 by the Head of Planning and Development (1) summarising the progress of the Planning and Development Public Service Improvement Framework (PSIF) Improvement Plan, and (2) detailing, in Appendix 1 to the report, the ongoing and new actions contained in the PSIF Improvement Action Plan for 2011/2013.

Decided: that the report be noted.

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND RENEWAL BILL

8. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 30 October 2012 by the Head of Planning and Development (1) advising of the receipt of a consultation by the Scottish Government on the Proposed Community and Renewal Bill; (2) outlining the background to the consultation document; (3) informing that a response to the consultation required to be submitted to the Scottish Government by 26 September; (4) summarising, in the Appendix to the report, a response to the consultation document that had been prepared and submitted by the Head of Planning and Development, and (5) seeking homologation of the action taken.

Decided: that the response to the Scottish Government Consultation on the proposed Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill by the Head of Planning and Development on behalf of the Council be homologated.

UPDATE IN COUNCIL PLANS FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS AND GLASS RECYCLING

9. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 12 June 2012, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 30 October 2012 (1) providing an update on the implementation of the Food Waste Recycling services; (2) advising (a) that, in conjunction with Zero Waste Scotland, an implementation plan had been developed to roll out food waste collections in two

tranches in the north and south areas of North Lanarkshire, and (b) that glass would be introduced as a constituent part of the blue bin co-mingled collection; (3) setting out a number of proposals and considerations in relation to food recycling and the roll out of glass recycling; (4) informing that the Council had participated in a Focus Group in order to develop generic food waste communication material for all Councils in Scotland; (5) summarising, in the Appendix to the report, details of a series of roadshows to be held throughout the area, and (6) outlining a number of staffing and financial implications arising from the proposals.

Thereon, it was proposed that a report be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee detailing the income generated by the Council from the various recycling measures it undertakes.

Decided:

- (1) that the introduction of glass into the co-mingled waste stream as part of the new contract strategy be approved;
- (2) that the Head of Land Services prepare and submit a report to a future meeting of this Committee detailing the income generated by the Council from the various recycling measures it undertakes, and
- (3) that the report be otherwise noted.

BEAUTIFUL NORTH LANARKSHIRE CAMPAIGN 2012

10. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 30 October 2012 by the Head of Land Services (1) outlining the results from the Beautiful North Lanarkshire Campaign; (2) detailing the background relative thereto, and (3) summarising the award results for Beautiful North Lanarkshire 2012, and the 16 awards that had been won this year by local communities and groups in North Lanarkshire.

Decided: that the report be noted.

THE JOHN MUIR WAY LONG DISTANCE ROUTE

11. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 30 October 2012 (1) advising of the Council's involvement in the development of the long distance route, the John Muir Way, which is scheduled to be launched in 2014 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of John Muir's death; (2) detailing the background relative thereto; (3) informing that the John Muir Way long distance route proposal was a flagship project within the Central Scotland Green Network (CSGN) initiative, which was supported by the Scottish Government; (4) intimating that part of the route was located in North Lanarkshire between Castlecary in the east and Croyhill in the west and would follow the line of the Antonine Wall World Heritage Site; (5) stating that the Scottish National Heritage (SNH) would lead on the planning and delivery of the route on behalf of the CSGN, and (6) summarising a number of financial implications arising from the proposal.

Decided: that the development of the John Muir Way long distance route be noted.

LAND SURPLUS TO REQUIREMENTS

(1) LAND AT MILTON STREET, MOTHERWELL

12. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 30 October 2012 by the Head of Land Services recommending that an area of land extending to 1,150 square metres, or thereby, at Milton Street, Motherwell be declared surplus to operational requirements.

Decided:

- (1) that the area of ground extending to 1,150 square metres, or thereby, at Milton Street, Motherwell be declared surplus to operational requirements, and
- (2) that the report be referred to the Policy and Resources (Regeneration and Infrastructure) Sub-Committee for consideration.

(2) LAND AT VIEWPARK NURSERY, NEW EDINBURGH ROAD, UDDINGSTON

13. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 30 October 2012 by the Head of Land Services recommending that an area of land extending to 13,368 square metres, or thereby, at Viewpark Nursery, New Edinburgh Road, Uddingston be declared surplus to operational requirements .

Decided:

- (1) that the area of ground extending to a total of 13,368 square metres, or thereby, at Viewpark Nursery, New Edinburgh Road, Uddingston be declared surplus to operational requirements, and
- (2) that the report be referred to the Policy and Resources (Regeneration and Infrastructure) Sub-Committee for consideration.

Councillor Goldie having declared a non-financial interest in the undernoted item took no part in its consideration.

(3) LAND AT BERRYHILL ROAD, ALLANFAULDS ROAD, HUME ROAD AND BURNS ROAD, CUMBERNAULD

14. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 30 October 2012 by the Head of Land Services recommending that four areas of land extending to a total of 40,434 square metres, or thereby, at Berryhill Road, Allanfaulds Road, Hume Road and Burns Road, Cumbernauld, be declared surplus to operational requirements.

Decided:

- (1) that the areas of ground extending to a total of 40,434 square metres, or thereby, at Berryhill Road, Allanfaulds Road, Hume Road and Burns Road, Cumbernauld, be declared surplus to operational requirements, and
- (2) that the report be referred to the Policy and Resources (Regeneration and Infrastructure) Sub-Committee for consideration.

(4) LAND AT OLD EDINBURGH ROAD AND LABURNUM ROAD, UDDINGSTON

15. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 30 October 2012 by the Head of Land Services recommending that an area of land extending to a total of 1,790 square metres, or thereby, at Old Edinburgh Road and Laburnum Road, Uddingston, be declared surplus to operational requirements.

Decided:

- (1) that the area of ground extending to 1,790 square metres, or thereby, at Old Edinburgh Road and Laburnum Road, Uddingston, be declared surplus to operational requirements, and
- (2) that the report be referred to the Policy and Resources (Regeneration and Infrastructure) Sub-Committee for consideration.

(5) LAND AT NEWMAINS LIBRARY, MANSE ROAD, NEWMAINS

16. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 30 October 2012 by the Head of Land Services recommending that an area of land to the south east of Newmains Library, Manse Road, Newmains extending to 0.11 ha, or thereby, be declared surplus to operational requirements.

Decided:

- (1) that the area of land to the south east of Newmains Library, Manse Road, Newmains extending to 0.11 ha, or thereby, be declared surplus to operational requirements, and
- (2) that the report be referred to the Policy and Resources (Regeneration and Infrastructure) Sub-Committee for consideration.

PETITION FROM RESIDENTS WITHIN WISHAW REQUESTING THE PRUNING OR REMOVAL OF TREES SITUATED AT THE PUBLIC FOOTPATH BETWEEN MAGNOLIA STREET AND ALLANTON GROVE, WISHAW

17. With reference to paragraph 19 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 24 January 2012 when consideration was given to a petition from residents in the area, there was submitted a report dated 30 October 201 by the Head of Land Services (1) outlining the arboricultural work undertaken as the result of a request of the residents within the area of Coltness regarding the overhanging trees situated at the public footpath between Magnolia Street and Allanton Grove, Wishaw, and (2) advising that a number of trees along the boundary fence with the properties on Magnolia Street had either been removed or pruned.

Decided: that the petitioners be advised of the action taken to remove and prune the trees between Magnolia Street and Allanton Grove, Wishaw.

PETITION - OBJECTION TO THE OPERATION OF A WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANT AT LENZIEMILL ROAD, CUMBERNAULD AND REQUEST FOR THE RELOCATION OF THE PLANT

18. There were submitted (1) a report dated 29 August 2012 prepared by the Head of Central Services advising of the receipt of a petition from residents of Cumbernauld, objecting to the operation of a waste management plant at Lenziemill Road, Cumbernauld, and (2) a report (docketed) dated 30 October 2012 by the Head of Protective Services (a) advising that the concerns raised within the petition related to the odour from the plant, the visual impact of large piles of waste and the problem of flies and birds in the area which, it was alleged, was as a result of the open storage of the waste; (b) informing that Dow Waste Management, operators of the plant, were proposing additional screening measures, the construction of a new building and were considering alterations to the means of access to the site, to alleviate the problems referred to; (c) reporting that a planning application would require to be submitted for the construction of the new building and additional screening measures and discussions were ongoing with Dow Waste Management in this regard, and (d) indicating that there had been no increase in complaints received by the Pest Control Service relevant to birds, flies or other insects within the specific area surrounding the waste management plant.

Decided:

- (1) that discussions continue with Dow Waste Management to progress the submission of a planning application for the necessary changes to minimise any operational problems for surrounding residents;
- (2) that the Head of Central Services advise the petitioners of the action taken to address the complaints of local residents, and
- (3) that the Head of Planning and Development continue to keep local residents and elected Members apprised of developments.

REVENUE MONITORING REPORT - ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

19. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 30 October 2012 by the Executive Director of Environmental Services (1) advising of the overall financial position of the Environmental Services' budget from 1 April to 14 September 2012; (2) providing explanations of any significant variances, and (3) detailing a projected outturn.

Decided: that the report be noted.

COMPOSITE CAPITAL PROGRAMME – MONITORING REPORT

20. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 30 October 2012 by the Executive Director of Environmental Services (1) providing an update of the financial performance of the Environmental Services Capital Programme for the period 1 April to 14 September 2012; (2) containing explanations of significant variances and potential risks; (3) detailing, in Appendix 1 to the report, the projected outturn for 2011/12, and (4) summarising, in Appendix 2 to the report, the proposed virements.

Arising from discussion, Councillor Goldie requested a detailed explanation in relation to (1) the variance of £830,000 in respect of Wishaw Town Centre; (2) the reasons for the delay to Phase 2 and the reasons for the £270,000 slippage being generated; (3) the refurbishment proposals for the public conveniences at Kenilworth Avenue, Wishaw, and (4) the materials specification to which the £150,000 adjudication relates regarding Wishaw Town Centre Main Street project.

Decided:

- (1) that the Executive Director of Environmental Services provide Councillor Goldie with an explanation in relation to (a) the variance of £830,000 in respect of Wishaw Town Centre; (b) the reasons for the delay to Phase 2 and the reasons for the £270,000 slippage being generated; (c) the refurbishment proposals for the public conveniences at Kenilworth Avenue, Wishaw, and (d) the materials specification to which the £150,000 adjudication relates regarding Wishaw Town Centre Main Street project;
- (2) that the virements as detailed in the report be approved;
- (3) that the financial position of the Capital Programme, as at 14 September 2012, be noted;
- (4) that the variances and potential risks highlighted in the report be noted, and
- (5) that the report be remitted to the Policy and Resources Committee for consideration.

BUILDING CLEANING TRADING ACCOUNT - PERIOD FROM 1 APRIL TO 14 SEPTEMBER 2012

21. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 30 October 2012 by the Executive Director of Environmental Services (1) detailing, for the period from 1 April to 14 September 2012, the trading position as contained in the Building Cleaning Trading Account; (2) providing a projected financial expenditure position at year end, and (3) outlining management action to control expenditure levels.

Decided: that the report be noted.

CATERING TRADING ACCOUNT - PERIOD FROM 1 APRIL TO 14 SEPTEMBER 2012

22. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 30 October 2012 by the Executive Director of Environmental Services (1) detailing, for the period from 1 April to 14 September 2012, the trading position as contained in the Catering Trading Account; (2) providing a projected financial expenditure position at year end, and (3) outlining management action to control expenditure levels.

Decided: that the report be noted.

FLEET OPERATIONS TRADING ACCOUNT - PERIOD FROM 1 APRIL TO 14 SEPTEMBER 2012

23. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 30 October 2012 by the Executive Director of Environmental Services (1) detailing, for the period from 1 April to 14 September 2012, the trading position as contained in the Fleet Operations Trading Account; (2) providing a projected financial expenditure position at year end, and (3) outlining management action to control expenditure levels.

Decided: that the report be noted.

LAND MANAGEMENT TRADING ACCOUNT - PERIOD FROM 1 APRIL TO 14 SEPTEMBER 2012

24. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 30 October 2012 by the Executive Director of Environmental Services (1) detailing, for the period from 1 April to 14 September 2012, the trading position as contained in the Land Management Trading Account; (2) providing a projected financial expenditure position at year end, and (3) outlining management action to control expenditure levels.

Decided: that the report be noted.

WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES TRADING ACCOUNT - PERIOD FROM 1 APRIL TO 12 SEPTEMBER 2012

25. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 30 October 2012 by the Executive Director of Environmental Services (1) detailing, for the period from 1 April to 14 September 2012, the trading position as contained in the Waste Management Services Trading Account; (2) providing a projected financial expenditure position at year end, and (3) outlining management action to control expenditure levels.

Decided: that the report be noted.

OUTCOME OF TENDERING PROCESS FOR THE PROVISION OF MACHINE REPAIRS AND PORTABLE APPLIANCE TESTING FOR BUILDING CLEANING EQUIPMENT

26. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 30 October 2012 by the Head of Facility Support Services (1) providing details of tenders received for the provision of machine repairs and portable appliance testing for building cleaning equipment; (2) informing that the provision of the service would be a joint arrangement with South Lanarkshire Council, and (3) advising that the Executive Director of Corporate Services, following consultation with the Convener, had accepted the most economically advantageous tender, for a period of three years, with the option to extend for one year from 1 October 2012.

Decided: that the action taken by the Executive Director of Corporate Services, following consultation with the Convener, to accept the tender and Schedule of Rates supplied by DMG Floorcare Limited for the provision of machine repairs and portable appliance testing for building cleaning equipment for a period of three years with the option to extend for one year from 1 October 2012 in a joint purchasing arrangement with South Lanarkshire Council, be noted.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF SANDWICHES AND ASSOCIATED PRODUCTS

27. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 30 October 2012 by the Head of Facility Support Services (1) seeking approval to tender for the Supply of Sandwiches and Associated Products; (2) advising that the existing contract had commenced on 4 April 2011 for a period of 12 months with the option to extend for a period of another 12 months, and (3) proposing that tenders be invited for the Supply of Sandwiches and Associated Products for a period of two years with the option to extend for a further 12 months.

Decided: that tenders be invited for the Supply and Delivery of Sandwiches and Associated Products for a two year period, with the option to extend for 12 months.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO TENDER FOR WINDOW CLEANING SERVICES

28. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 30 October 2012 by the Head of Facility Support Services (1) seeking approval to tender for Window Cleaning Services within the current portfolio of Facility Support Service properties; (2) advising that the current contract expires on 31 March 2013, and (3) proposing that tenders be invited for window cleaning services for a period of two years, with the option to extend for a further 12 months.

Decided: that tenders be invited for the provision of window cleaning services with the current portfolio of Facility Support Service properties for a two year period, with the option to extend for a further 12 months.

VEHICLE PROCUREMENT

29. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 30 October 2012 by the Head of Land Services (1) providing details of tenders received for the acquisition of 10 Food Waste Collection Vehicles, and (2) advising that the Executive Director of Corporate Services, following consultation with the Convener, had accepted the most economically advantageous tender from Western Commercials in the sum of £580,270.

Decided: that the action taken by the Executive Director of Corporate Services, following consultation with the Convener, in accepting the most economically advantageous tender, being that received from Western Commercials in the sum of £580,270, be noted.

TENDER FOR SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE FOR PLANNING, BUILDING STANDARDS, PROPERTY CASE WORK AND ONLINE PLANNING INFORMATION SYSTEM

30. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 30 October 2012 by the Head of Planning and Development (1) seeking approval to commence a procurement exercise to tender for the support and maintenance for the Planning, Building Standards and Property Casework System (UNIFORM) and the On-Line Planning Information System (OPIS); (2) detailing the background relative thereto; (3) proposing (a) that the support and maintenance service be purchased through a Framework Agreement procured via the Local Government software applications solutions website, and (b) that the duration of the contract be for a period of three years, with the option to extend on a one plus one year basis, up to a maximum of five years, and (4) reporting that the potential contract value could be up to a maximum of £330,000.

Arising from discussion, Councillor Goldie requested an explanation on the usage of the system and how many support calls were received within a one year period.

Decided:

- (1) that the Head of Planning and Development provide Councillor Goldie with details of usage of the systems and the number of support calls received made over a one year period;
- (2) that the proposed purchase of support and maintenance for uniform casework and on-line planning information system through a Framework Agreement, as outlined in the report, be approved, and
- (3) that the outcome of the tendering process be reported to a future meeting of this Committee.

PLAY AREA AT BROOM ROAD, ABRONHILL, CUMBERNAULD – UPGRADE PROPOSALS BY THE ABRONHILL REGENERATION GROUP

31. With reference to paragraph 16 of the Minute of the meeting of the Learning and Leisure Services Committee held on 23 August 2012 wherein it was agreed that the report on the Play Area at Broom Road, Abronhill, Cumbernauld be remitted to this Committee for consideration, there was submitted a Minute excerpt and report (docketed) dated 30 June 2012 by the Head of Community Information and Learning regarding proposals for the upgrade of an existing play area at Broom Road, Abronhill, Cumbernauld.

Decided: that the report be noted.