

EAST KILBRIDE AREA COMMITTEE

Minutes of special meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 24 March 2021

Chair:

Councillor Archie Buchanan

Councillors Present:

Councillor John Anderson, Councillor Graeme Campbell, Councillor Gerry Convery, Councillor Isobel Dorman (Depute), Councillor Joe Fagan, Councillor Grant Ferguson, Councillor Geri Gray, Councillor Ian Harrow, Councillor Hugh Macdonald, Councillor Monique McAdams, Councillor Gladys Miller, Councillor Graham Scott, Councillor Collette Stevenson, Councillor Jim Wardhaugh, Councillor David Watson

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Margaret Cooper, Councillor Fiona Dryburgh

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

M McGlynn, Executive Director; P Elliot, Head of Planning and Economic Development; I Ross, Project Manager

Finance and Corporate Resources

H Tennant, Administration Officer; L Wyllie, Administration Assistant

Housing and Technical Resources

D Lowe, Executive Director

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 East Kilbride Masterplan

The Executive Directors (Housing and Technical Resources) and (Community and Enterprise Resources) gave a joint presentation on the East Kilbride Masterplan which highlighted:-

- ◆ that the civic buildings were at the end of their economic life
- ◆ the physical contraction in the retail occupancy within the town centre
- ◆ the poor place quality of the existing town centre area
- ◆ the financial implications of maintaining the current estate

The presentation set out the business case for proposed re-development and the options which emerged from the completed feasibility study. It was proposed to create a new Civic Hub which would be integrated with the existing town centre, with the Council and its community partners co-located within the new civic site. Housing options for the re-development of the civic centre site were also presented.

A comprehensive discussion took place where officers responded to members' questions. A copy of the presentation would be circulated to members following the meeting.

The Committee thanked the officers for their informative presentation.

The Committee decided: that, once further developed, the East Kilbride Masterplan be considered at a future meeting of this Committee prior to the end of 2021.

[Reference: Minutes of 24 February 2021 (Paragraph 3)]

3 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.