

COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 11 November 2008

Chair:

Councillor Gerry Convery

Councillors Present:

John Anderson, Eileen Baxendale, Walter Brogan, Archie Buchanan, Andy Carmichael, Russell Clearie, Peter Craig, Hugh Dunsmuir, Lynn Filshie, Beith Forrest, Joe Lowe, Anne Maggs, Michael McCann, Clare McColl, Alex McInnes, David Shearer, Graham Simpson, Hamish Stewart (Depute)

Councillors' Apologies:

Gordon Clark, Allan Falconer, Edward McAvoy, Brian McCaig, David Watson

Attending:

Community Resources

N Anderson, Executive Director; S Clelland, Head of Land and Fleet Services; R Howe, Head of Environmental Services; S Kelly, Head of Facilities and Cultural Services; A McKinnon, Head of Support Services; J Stirling, Environmental Services Manager

Corporate Resources

M Anderson, Public Relations Officer; N Docherty, Administration Assistant; S Somerville, Administration Adviser

Finance and Information Technology Resources

L O'Hagan, Finance Manager (Accounting and Budgeting); M Simpson, Accountant

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Community Resources Committee held on 2 September 2008 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

The Committee decided: that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

3 Revenue Budget Monitoring 2008/2009 - Community Resources

A joint report dated 17 October 2008 by the Executive Directors (Finance and Information Technology Resources) and (Community Resources) was submitted comparing actual expenditure at 3 October 2008 against budgeted expenditure for 2008/2009 for the various services within Community Resources.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the overspend on Community Resources' revenue budget of £0.049 million (0.1%), as detailed in Appendix A to the report, and the forecast to 31 March 2009 of a breakeven position be noted; and
- (2) that the budget virements, as detailed in the appendix to the report, be approved.

[Reference: Minutes of 2 September 2008 (Paragraph 3)]

4 Capital Budget Monitoring 2008/2009 - Community Resources

A joint report dated 13 October 2008 by the Executive Directors (Finance and Information Technology Resources) and (Community Resources) was submitted advising on Community Resources' capital programme for 2008/2009 and summarising the position at 3 October 2008.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 2 September 2008 (Paragraph 4)]

5 Community Resources - Workforce Monitoring - August and September 2008

A joint report dated 19 October 2008 by the Executive Directors (Corporate Resources) and (Community Resources) was submitted on the following employee information for Community Resources for the period August and September 2008:-

- ◆ attendance statistics
- ◆ occupational health statistics
- ◆ accident/incident statistics
- ◆ disciplinary hearings, grievances and Dignity at Work Cases
- ◆ analysis of leavers

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 2 September 2008 (Paragraph 5)]

6 Community Resources' Statutory Performance Indicators - 5 Year Comparison 2003/2004 to 2007/2008

A joint report dated 4 September 2008 by the Executive Directors (Finance and Information Technology Resources) and (Community Resources) was submitted on Community Resources' Statutory Performance Indicators for the financial year 2007/2008. Comparisons and explanations, where appropriate, were provided for the 5 year period covering 2003/2004 to 2007/2008.

The Committee decided: that Community Resources' Statutory Performance Indicators for 2007/2008 be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 30 October 2007 (Paragraph 8) and Executive Committee of 5 November 2008 (Paragraph 8)]

7 Community Resources' Resource Plan 2008/2009 - Quarter 2 Progress Report

A report dated 16 October 2008 by the Executive Director (Community Resources) was submitted on the Community Resources' Resource Plan 2008/2009. Details were provided on progress made at the end of quarter 2, covering the period 1 April to 30 September 2008, in implementing the priority projects identified in the Resource Plan.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 3 June 2008 (Paragraph 4) and Executive Committee of 5 November 2008 (Paragraph 7)]

8 Air Quality Management Area - Whirlies Roundabout, East Kilbride

A report dated 13 October 2008 by the Executive Director (Community Resources) was submitted proposing that the area surrounding Whirlies Roundabout, East Kilbride be now declared by official Order as an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA).

The procedures to be followed to declare the area surrounding Whirlies Roundabout, East Kilbride as an AQMA had been reported to Committee on 3 June 2008. Those procedures had included the requirement for a period of public consultation. In the course of the public consultation, 1 objection had been received. However, this had subsequently been withdrawn and it was, therefore, now proposed that the location be declared by Order as an AQMA with a commencement date of 28 November 2008.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the following Order be made to declare the area at Whirlies Roundabout, East Kilbride, as detailed on the map contained in Appendix A to the report, as an Air Quality Management Area with a commencement date of 28 November 2008:-

“South Lanarkshire Council in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Section 83 (1) of the Environment Act 1995, hereby makes the following Order.

This Order may be referred to as South Lanarkshire Air Quality Management Area No 1 (Whirlies Roundabout, East Kilbride) and shall come into effect on 28 November 2008.

The area shown on the plan marked in red is to be designated as an Air Quality Management Area (the designated area).

This area is designated in relation to a likely breach of Particular Matter less than 10 microns (PM10) objectives, as set out in the Air Quality (Scotland) Regulations 2000, as amended. The PM10 air quality objective is that, by 31 December 2010, the concentration of PM10 when expressed as a 24 hour mean must be 50 micrograms per cubic metre or less and that the 50 micrograms per cubic metre concentration when expressed as an annual mean must be 18 micrograms per cubic metre or less.

This Order shall remain in force until it is varied or revoked by a subsequent Order.

Given under the common seal of South Lanarkshire Council and signed for it and on its behalf by Archibald Strang, Chief Executive and Proper Officer at Hamilton on 11 November 2008”; and

- (2) that an action plan be prepared highlighting measures to be taken, where possible, to reduce levels of pollution to below the 2010 objectives in terms of the Environment Act 1995.

[Reference: Minutes of 3 June 2008 (Paragraph 6)]

9 South Lanarkshire Council's Cultural Strategy 2008 to 2013

A report dated 9 October 2008 by the Executive Director (Community Resources) was submitted on the development of the Council's Cultural Strategy 2008 to 2013.

In 2007, the Scottish Ministers had issued a Cultural Statement setting out its aims and objectives and identifying key areas for future development. This cultural vision centred on:-

- ◆ ensuring Scotland's national identity was promoted
- ◆ a celebration of Scotland's creative sector
- ◆ ensuring local cultural policies were developed for local areas and as part of the community planning framework

Based on the principles of the Ministerial Cultural Statement, a draft Cultural Strategy had been developed to ensure that the Council and Community Planning Partnership were equipped to deal with future cultural legislative requirements and national cultural policy developments/guidance.

The draft Cultural Strategy consisted of the following themes and objectives:-

Theme 1 - Economic Development

"We will invest in and develop cultural facilities, infrastructure and opportunities to support the growth of a prosperous cultural economy."

Theme 2 - Lifelong Learning

"We will provide participatory opportunities for lifelong learning in every community."

Theme 3 - Health and Wellbeing

"We will encourage citizens to participate in the wide range of cultural activities available in South Lanarkshire to improve their health and wellbeing and enrich their quality of life."

Theme 4 - Community Safety

"We will use our cultural expertise to identify and progress positive interventions which will improve the safety of our communities."

Theme 5 - Environment

"In our cultural service delivery we will support environmental awareness, sustainable developments and regeneration."

It was proposed that a Cultural Partnership be established to assist in the delivery of the Cultural Strategy's themes and objectives. Details were provided on the proposed composition and key functions of the Partnership which would be an informal forum with the facility to report to the Community Planning Partnership.

Key local and national bodies would be given the opportunity to comment and a community consultation event would be held in February 2009 prior to the Strategy being finalised.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the draft Cultural Strategy 2008 to 2013 be approved and form the basis of a structured consultation programme as detailed in the report;
- (2) that, in the event of any material change to the Strategy arising from the consultation exercise, the matter be referred back to Committee for consideration otherwise the Strategy be referred to the Executive Committee for approval;
- (3) that the Executive Director (Community Resources) review the establishment of Facilities and Cultural Services with a view to identifying resources to deliver the Strategy; and
- (4) that a Cultural Partnership be established.

10 Clean Sweep - An Initiative for Tackling Environmental Crime

A report dated 21 October 2008 by the Executive Director (Community Resources) was submitted providing an update on the Clean Sweep Initiative.

At its meeting on 8 April 2008, the Committee had approved a framework to deliver a range of measures to deal with litter, dog fouling, flytipping, graffiti and abandoned vehicles. Those measures had proven successful and it was proposed that the success of the campaign be built on by producing a Clean Sweep Initiative Booklet and Action Plan. A copy of the Booklet and Action Plan were provided in the appendix to the report.

The Committee decided: that the Clean Sweep Initiative Booklet and Action Plan, as detailed in the appendix to the report, be approved.

[Reference: Minutes of 8 April 2008 (Paragraph 10)]

11 Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Regulations

A report dated 20 October 2008 by the Executive Director (Community Resources) was submitted advising of facilities introduced at civic amenity sites within South Lanarkshire to comply with the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Regulations.

Following implementation of the Regulations in July 2007, the Council had introduced collection facilities at each of its 6 civic amenity and waste recycling centres. The introduction of those special collection facilities had increased the range of materials which could be recycled and the Council had exceeded the target set in terms of the Regulations for recycling per head of population.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

12 Notification of Contracts Awarded

A report dated 14 October 2008 by the Executive Director (Community Resources) was submitted on contracts awarded by Community Resources in the period 9 August to 10 September 2008.

In terms of Standing Order No 19.6 of the Standing Orders on Contracts, Resources were required to notify the relevant Committee of contracts awarded. Details of the contracts awarded by Community Resources were provided in the appendix to the report.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

13 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.