

**MINUTE**  
**of**  
**CABINET**

**Minute of meeting held at 10.00am in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Giffnock on 20 June 2024.**

**Present:**

Councillor Owen O'Donnell (Leader)                      Councillor Danny Devlin  
Councillor Andrew Anderson (Vice Chair)              Councillor Katie Pragnell

Councillor O'Donnell, Leader, in the Chair

**Attending:**

Steven Quinn, Chief Executive; Caitriona McAuley, Director of Environment; Mark Ratter, Director of Education; Siobhan McColgan, Head of Education Services (Equality and Equity); Margaret McCrossan, Head of Accountancy (Chief Financial Officer); Moira McFadden, Head of Communities and Arts, East Renfrewshire Culture and Leisure Trust; Michaela Sullivan, Head of Place; Emma Aepli, Employability Team Leader; John Marley, Principal Traffic Officer; and John Burke, Democratic Services Officer.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**873.** There were no declarations of interest intimated.

**EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL CULTURAL STRATEGY 2024-2029**

**874.** The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Education seeking approval for the draft Cultural Strategy 2024-2029.

The East Renfrewshire Cultural Strategy 2024-2029 would replace the East Renfrewshire Council Arts Strategy, building upon the transformative work already undertaken to enhance and embed a strong cultural identity in East Renfrewshire. It aligned closely with the aims of the Scottish Government's Cultural Strategy for Scotland, published in 2020.

The draft Strategy, which was attached as Appendix 1 to the report, linked to the key themes of that document, which were detailed in the report. It also reflected the various demographics in East Renfrewshire and outlined the strategy that would be undertaken to meet the needs of those.

Following a brief discussion, around the consultation that had been undertaken and work which had been done to improve accessibility of cultural services, the Cabinet approved the draft Cultural Strategy 2024-2029.

**NO ONE LEFT BEHIND EMPLOYABILITY ACTIVITY 2024/25**

**875.** The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Environment on the No One Left Behind (NOLB) grant award from Scottish Government to East Renfrewshire Council, seeking approval for the Annual Investment Plan in 2024/25, as well as to highlight potential funding challenges and associated risks.

NOLB was a partnership approach between Scottish Government and Local Authorities to transform employment support in Scotland. It had been a key strand of employability services in East Renfrewshire since 2020 and had delivered a wide range of programmes.

Details of NOLB outcomes achieved during 2023/2024 were provided in Appendix 1 to the report.

An Annual Investment Plan for NOLB activity in 2024/2025 had been submitted to the Scottish Government. While the first quarter of the funding had been received at the time of writing, it was noted that the additional sum of the funding had been received since then and plans for the allocation of that funding would proceed following agreement of the report.

Officers responded to members' questions, particularly concerning the delay in funding, the 50+ Pilot programme, the Traineeships for Parents programme and a delay in funding for the Parental Employment Support programme.

Thereafter, the Cabinet:-

- (a) noted the progress of projects funded in 2023/24 in Appendix 1;
- (b) approved the continuation of existing projects outlined in Appendix 2 for 2024/25;
- (c) delegated to the Director of Environment to approve new projects, subject to the remainder of 2024/25 Scottish Government funding being confirmed;
- (d) delegated to the Director of Environment to adjust proposals depending upon the detailed costs of projects becoming available to ensure full spend of the award; and
- (e) noted that further reports would be submitted to the Cabinet in due course to report on the progress of those programmes hereby approved, as well as seeking approval for projects in future years.

**THE EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL (A77 AYR ROAD, NEWTON MEARNS/GIFFNOCK) (30MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2024**

**876.** The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Environment seeking approval for the making and confirmation of the East Renfrewshire Council (A77 Ayr Road, Newton Mearns/Giffnock) (30mph Speed Limit) Order 2024.

The Cabinet:

- (a) noted the content of the report and approved the making of the East Renfrewshire Council (A77 Ayr Road, Newton Mearns/Giffnock) (30mph Speed Limit ) Order 2024; and

- (b) delegated to the Director of Environment the implementation of the Order in accordance with associated statutory procedures.

CHAIR

