

MINUTE
of
EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting held at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Giffnock, on 24 June 2015.

Present:

Provost Alastair Carmichael	Councillor Gordon McCaskill
Councillor Tony Buchanan	Councillor Stewart Miller
Councillor Danny Devlin	Councillor Mary Montague
Councillor Jim Fletcher (Leader)	Councillor Paul O’Kane
Councillor Charlie Gilbert	Councillor Tommy Reilly
Councillor Elaine Green	Councillor Ralph Robertson
Councillor Kenny Hay	Councillor Jim Swift
Councillor Alan Lafferty	Councillor Vincent Waters
Councillor Ian McAlpine	

Provost Carmichael in the Chair

Attending:

Lorraine McMillan, Chief Executive; Caroline Innes, Deputy Chief Executive; Julie Murray, Director of Community Health and Care Partnership; Mhairi Shaw, Director of Education; Andy Cahill, Director of Environment; Margaret McCrossan, Head of Accountancy; Iain McLean, Head of Environment (Planning, Property and Regeneration); Gillian McCarney, Planning and Building Standards Manager; Richard Greenwood and Julie Nicol, Principal Planners; Eamonn Daly, Democratic Services Manager; and Ron Leitch, Committee Services Officer.

Apologies:

Deputy Provost Betty Cunningham and Councillors Barbara Grant and Gordon Wallace.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1609. Provost Carmichael and Councillors Gilbert, Hay and Montague declared a non-financial interest in respect of Item 1625 by virtue of their membership of the Board of East Renfrewshire Culture and Leisure Trust Limited.

PRESENTATION

1610. Provost Carmichael welcomed 7 members of the Overlee Support Group, a group of people who had been affected by homelessness, along with Suzanne Irvine, Temporary

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Accommodation Manager, based at Overlee House. He invited the group to perform a short play on the theme of homelessness entitled "It could happen to you", following which there was a short question and answer session.

On behalf of the Council, Provost Carmichael thanked the group for their presentation and wished them well for the future.

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1611. The Council considered and approved the Minute of the meeting held on 22 April 2015 subject to the following amendment being made:-

25 Divernia Way, Barrhead – Compulsory Acquisition

Under reference to the item on 25 Divernia Way, Barrhead – Compulsory Acquisition (Page 1441, Item 1528 refers), that in the third paragraph the words "Councillor McCaskill" be replaced with the words "Councillor Robertson".

MINUTE OF SPECIAL MEETING

1612. The Council considered and approved the Minute of the special meeting held on 27 May 2015.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES

1613. The Council considered and approved the Minutes of the meetings of the undernoted, except as otherwise referred to in Items 1614 to 1617 below:-

- (a) Cabinet – 23 April 2015;
- (b) Audit & Scrutiny Committee – 23 April 2015;
- (c) Appeals Committee – 24 April 2015;
- (d) Appointments Committee – 15 May 2015;
- (e) Cabinet (Police & Fire) – 28 May 2015;
- (f) Appointments Committee – 3 June 2015;
- (g) Cabinet – 4 June 2015;
- (h) Audit & Scrutiny Committee – 4 June 2015;
- (i) Planning Applications Committee – 10 June 2015;
- (j) Local Review Body – 10 June 2015;
- (k) Education Committee – 11 June 2015; and
- (l) Licensing Committee – 23 June 2015.

CABINET - 23 APRIL 2015 – A CORPORATE APPROACH TO BREASTFEEDING POLICY AND WELCOME ACCREDITATION

1614. Under reference to the Minute of the meeting of the Cabinet on 23 April 2015 (Page 1446, Item 1534 refers) when the Cabinet had approved the corporate approach to Breastfeeding Policy and Welcome Accreditation, Councillor Swift stated that the Council should make further efforts to increase breastfeeding from its current level, which he argued was the lowest ever recorded, as the health benefits of breastfeeding were well documented.

The position was noted.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE - 10 JUNE 2015 – PROPOSED ERECTION OF NURSERY/FAMILY CENTRE BUILDING WITH ENCLOSED PLAYGROUND AT REAR AND FORMATION OF ASSOCIATED PARKING AND VEHICULAR ACCESS OFF NEWFORD GROVE AT RECREATION GROUND SOUTH OF BONNYTON HOUSE AND NORTH OF NEWFORD, CLARKSTON BY EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

1615. Under reference to the Minute of the meeting of the Planning Applications Committee on 10 June 2015 (Page 1486, Item 1579(ii) refers) when planning permission in respect of the proposed new family centre at Newford Grove, Clarkston had been refused, Councillor Robertson enquired what steps would now be taken by the Council with regards to the provision of nursery facilities in this area.

In response, Councillor Green expressed her disappointment that the planning application had been refused and outlined the steps being taken to ensure that a temporary solution would be in place by August 2015 to meet the current demand for pre-five places in the area.

The position was noted.

CABINET - 4 JUNE 2015 – COMMUNITY HEALTH AND CARE PARTNERSHIP FINANCE SYSTEM AND PROCESSES

1616. Under reference to the Minute of the meeting of the Cabinet on 4 June 2015 (Page 1476, Item 1567 refers), when the Cabinet had considered and noted a report providing an update on the Community Health and Care Partnership finance systems and controls, Councillor McCaskill enquired if Police Scotland had been informed of the possibility of fraudulent activity.

The Democratic Services Manager explained that the police had not been informed at this stage but would be if considered appropriate in future following the completion of the investigations currently underway by the Council's Chief Auditor and the External Auditor.

Responding to Councillor Swift who enquired if civil legal action was likely against any party, the Chief Executive explained that until the report on the audit investigations currently underway was completed it would be inappropriate to discuss the matter in public.

The position was noted.

AUDIT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 4 JUNE 2015 - COMMUNITY HEALTH AND CARE PARTNERSHIP FINANCE SYSTEM AND PROCESSES

1617. Under reference to the Minute of the meeting of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee on 4 June 2015 (Page 1482, Item 1575 refers), when the committee had noted that the issue regarding the Community Health and Care Partnership finance systems and controls had been discussed at length by the Cabinet earlier in the day, Councillor Swift enquired when it was anticipated that the police would be informed.

In response, and referring to the comments made earlier in the meeting about the potential involvement of the police, the Head of Accountancy explained that the Council's 2014/15 Accounts were in the process of being completed and that the External Auditor already had in place an action plan with timescales to address any issues which were considered to be outwith appropriate financial thresholds.

The position was noted.

DRAFT OUTCOME DELIVERY PLAN 2015/16 AND NEW CUSTOMER CARE STANDARDS

1618. Under reference to the Minute of the meeting of the Cabinet on 4 June 2015 (Page 1472, Item 1560 refers), when it had been agreed to recommend to the Council that the draft Outcome Delivery Plan (ODP) 2015-18 be approved, the Council considered a report by the Chief Executive providing details on the ODP 2015-18 and presenting a new set of Customer Care standards. A copy of the ODP 2015-18 was appended to the report.

The report explained that the ODP was organised by the 5 Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) outcomes, sections on supporting organisational areas of Customer, Efficiency and People together with finance information on spending plans. It was noted that the ODP was a 3-year plan which the Council updated annually and was an important document for the Council as it set out its key plans to deliver on commitments in the Single Outcome Agreement and Corporate Statement. Furthermore, it included a set of indicators and targets, which allowed progress to be monitored on a 6-monthly basis together with the inclusion of departmental spending plans.

The report went on to explain that over the coming year there would be significant structural changes to how services were managed due to the formation of the new Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) and the new Culture and Leisure Trust.

The report also provided details of a review of the Council's service standards, it being noted that these were last reviewed in 2013. The aim of the standards was to provide local residents and customers with clear information about what to expect when they contacted the Council, and how and when services would be delivered to them. Details of the service standards proposed for implementation from 2015 were appended to the report, it being noted that these had been approved by the Cabinet on 4 June.

The report explained that there had been a significant change from the Council's current 18 service standards highlighting that rather than relating to particular services, the new standards focussed on customer care at the point of interaction between Council employees and residents across all services. The new set of standards also reflected the changing ways residents were communicating with the Council such as the use of social media.

The report concluded by indicating that the ODP demonstrated that the Council had a clear sense of strategic direction and was integrated with the Community Planning Partnership's SOA. Services had been striving to ensure that performance measures were robust and demonstrated what the Council was trying to achieve to improve the lives of people in East Renfrewshire.

Councillor Swift sought further information on the performance of pupils in achieving literacy and numeracy and the targeted increases in attendances at swimming pools and libraries for 2015/16. In response, the Director of Education explained that she was unaware of any pupils other than a very small number with considerable Additional Support Needs (ASN) leaving school with literacy and numeracy below Intermediate 2 level. She clarified that the targeted increases in attendance at swimming pools took account of the reopening of Neilston swimming pool and increased demand for swimming lessons. She concluded by explaining that a number of challenging targets had been set for services which were due to transfer to the new Culture and Leisure Trust.

The Council agreed to approve the draft Outcome Delivery Plan 2015-2018.

PROVOST'S ENGAGEMENTS

1619. The Council considered and noted a report by the Deputy Chief Executive, providing details of the civic engagements attended and civic duties performed by Provost Carmichael since the last meeting.

STATEMENTS BY CONVENERERS

Approval of the Integration Scheme For Health And Social Care

1620. Councillor Lafferty reported that the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport had approved the integration scheme for the East Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP). The new Integration Joint Board (IJB) would be legally established with effect from 27 June 2015 with the first meeting taking place on 19 August at which time its membership would be formally agreed. A range of communications would be issued to publicise the establishment of the new board and its membership to residents and other stakeholders and it was Councillor Lafferty's intention to use Conveners' Statements to regularly update the Council on the progress of the IJB and the development of its strategic plan for East Renfrewshire.

He concluded by explaining that the HSCP was required to produce a strategic plan setting out how it intended to use its resources to meet national health and wellbeing outcomes. Over the past few months there had been dialogue with local residents, community groups, staff and other stakeholders on how they could all work together to improve the lives of the residents of East Renfrewshire. During 2015/16 the IJB would work in partnership with other agencies to develop its priorities and plans for the future of health and social care.

The Council noted the position.

STATEMENTS BY REPRESENTATIVES ON JOINT BOARDS/COMMITTEES AND COMMUNITY JUSTICE AUTHORITY

1621. Provost Carmichael intimated that no statements had been received.

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND PROGRAMME

1622. Under reference to the Minute of the meeting of 12 February 2015 (Page 1337, Item 1416 refers), when the General Fund Capital Plan for 2015/16 to 2022/23 had been approved, the Council considered a report by the Chief Executive and the Director of Environment recommending adjustments to the 2015/16 General Fund Capital Programme resulting from the finalisation of the previous year's programme and in light of subsequent information. Details of the revised expenditure and resources available were appended to the report.

The report highlighted the latest developments relating to the programme, including the latest income and expenditure movements and indicated that the projected shortfall of £39,000 represented 0.1% of the resources available and was within manageable limits.

Councillor Robertson whilst welcoming the allocation of capital to much needed ventilation improvements at Netherlee Primary School, questioned when the work was likely to be completed. In reply, the Head of Environment (Planning, Property and Regeneration) undertook to provide the information for Councillor Robertson.

The Council:-

- (a) noted and approved the movements within the programme;
- (b) noted the shortfall of £39,000 and that this would be managed and reported on a regular basis; and
- (c) noted that the Head of Environment (Planning, Property and Regeneration) would provide further information on ventilation improvements at Netherlee Primary School for Councillor Robertson.

HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME

1623. Under reference to the Minute of the meeting of 12 February 2015 (Page 1338, Item 1418 refers), when the Housing Capital Programme 2015/16 to 2020/21 had been approved, the Council considered a report by the Chief Executive and the Director of Environment recommending adjustments to the 2015/16 Housing Capital Programme resulting from the finalisation of the previous year's programme and in light of subsequent information. Details of the revised expenditure and resources available were appended to the report.

The report highlighted the latest developments relating to the programme, including the latest income and expenditure movements and indicated that the projected shortfall of £157,000 represented 2.4% of the resources available and was within manageable limits.

The Council:-

- (a) noted and approved the movements within the programme; and
- (b) noted the shortfall of £157,000 and that this would be managed and reported on a regular basis.

EDUCATION APPEALS COMMITTEES - APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

1624. The Council considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive seeking homologation of the appointment of Councillor Miller as a Chair of the Education Appeals Committee that took place on 15 June 2015 and recommending consideration of the appointment of a permanent additional Chair in addition to Councillors Cunningham, Grant and Reilly.

The report explained the background to the establishment of Education Appeals Committees and referred to the Council meeting on 23 May 2012 when the Council had agreed to a continuation of the previous arrangement whereby there would be 3 Education Appeals Committees and the chairs of the committees, who could not be members of the Education Committee, would be Councillors Cunningham, Grant and Reilly.

It went on to explain that arrangements had been made for a meeting to take place on 15 June. Councillor Cunningham had been identified to act as Chair on that day but became unavailable at short notice, with neither Councillor Grant nor Councillor Reilly able to replace her on this occasion. In order to avoid the need to cancel the meeting at very short notice and to avoid the appeals being delayed until after the end of the school term causing considerable distress for parents, carers and children who were party to the appeals process, it was decided to allow the scheduled meeting to go ahead with the appointment of

an additional Chair. From amongst those members who could potentially act as Chair, Councillor Miller had been identified as he had previously acted as Chair and was a regular ordinary member of the committees. Councillor Miller was approached and confirmed he would be prepared to act as Chair. However, in view of the timing it was not possible for the Council to consider Councillor Miller's appointment prior to the meeting of the committee on 15 June and so homologation of his appointment was now being sought.

In order to help mitigate against a recurrence of this situation, the report invited the Council to consider the appointment of a permanent additional Chair of the Education Appeals Committees. Councillor Fletcher proposed that Councillor Hay be appointed.

Councillor Robertson proposed that the Council consider appointing 2 additional Chairs to be available to chair meetings of the committees in the absence of Councillors Cunningham, Grant or Reilly in the future. In response, the Democratic Services Manager explained that the majority of current appeals had been dealt with but undertook to keep the matter of the number of Chairs under review in the future once the number of appeals against placing requests in future rounds was known.

Following brief discussion the Council agreed to:-

- (a) homologate the appointment of Councillor Miller as Chair of the Education Appeals Committee held on 15 June 2015; and
- (b) appoint Councillor Hay as a permanent additional Chair of the Education Appeals Committees in addition to Councillors Cunningham, Grant and Reilly.

INFLUENCING THE FUTURE OF EAST RENFREWSHIRE

1625. The Council considered a report by the Chief Executive seeking approval of key areas where the Council would wish to seek greater powers or resources from Government to shape the future of East Renfrewshire as an area of continuing and enhanced prosperity.

The report explained that the Council received regular requests from COSLA and Scottish Ministers (during visits) to outline its key concerns relating to powers or lack of resources and that in response the Corporate Management Team (CMT) had agreed that it would be useful to produce a statement aimed at the Government setting out key areas that the Council would like to have the powers or resources to change. The focus was on identifying areas which made sense to residents to ensure the future prosperity of East Renfrewshire. A common theme had emerged through discussion with officers highlighting the importance of the resourcing arrangements for new government policies being provided in a way that ensured local accountability and the flexibility to deliver resources and target local outcomes for communities. This would ensure that the Council could use resources to target areas of greatest need and gain maximum impact. The statement would be promoted amongst Elected Members and key officers for discussion with Government Ministers. By influencing the way in which powers/resources were distributed the Council would continue to protect, enhance and develop East Renfrewshire as a place to live, invest and visit. The statement would be refreshed and presented to Council on an annual basis.

Councillor Swift requested further information regarding Key Area 1 – Devolved powers to manage school assets more effectively – with regard to the consultation process which had to be gone through in relation to management of the school estate. In response, the Director of Education explained that the current lengthy consultation process was primarily concerned with the closure of a school or other educational facility and it was considered

that where a decision had been taken to build a new school to cater for population growth, as was likely to happen within East Renfrewshire, there was scope for reducing the statutory consultation period.

Having heard Councillor Miller congratulate the CMT on its decision to produce the statement aimed at Government and with the objective of increasing local accountability, the Council agreed to:-

- (a) approve the 8 key areas in the "Influencing the Future Statement" (Appendix 1 to the report) which outlined where the Council might wish to seek greater powers or resources with Scottish Ministers/COSLA/Scottish and UK Governments; and
- (b) support and promote the statement in all relevant discussions.

EAST RENFREWSHIRE CULTURE AND LEISURE TRUST

1626. Under reference to the Minute of the meeting of 17 December 2014 (Page 1267, Item 1345 refers) when it had been agreed that a detailed legal transfer of services agreement would be developed between the Council and the Trust with the Director of Education being instructed to bring this back to the Council for approval in June 2015, the Council considered a report by the Director of Education seeking approval of various documents required to complete the transfer of the agreed group of services to East Renfrewshire Culture and Leisure Limited.

Having made reference to the financial benefits attached to the transfer of these services to an arms-length charitable organisation and that the Trust would be better placed to be

innovative and flexible in its approach to managing and delivering services thus leading to improvements in the services offered, the report outlined the progress made to date in respect of detailed implementation and planning towards the formal transfer. This included, amongst other things, the appointment of the Trust Chief Executive; the appointment of the Trust Board; the submission of applications to the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator (OSCR), HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) and Strathclyde Pension Fund; transfer of staff under TUPE regulations; and the establishment of an employee forum as a communication channel with staff.

The report explained that a number of key documents which were required to effect various aspects of the transfer of services to the Trust had been prepared initially by the Council's legal advisors in association with Council officers and had been reviewed by the Trust Board and its own legal advisors. These included the Articles of Association; the Transfer Agreement; a Services Agreement; a Support Services Agreement; and a Business Plan. Copies of these documents were appended to the report.

The report concluded by outlining the financial arrangements relating to the Trust including the payment of an annual management fee and the requirement to make the volume of savings agreed for the transferring services as part of the Council's three year budget setting process. Whilst the transfer of services from the Council to the Trust would produce savings in Non-Domestic Rates and VAT, it would also result in additional costs. However, it was anticipated that a net saving of £412,000 would be achieved in 2016/17 and this had been reflected in the Council's revenue budget for that year.

Councillor Swift was heard on a number of issues relating to the establishment of the Trust including, amongst others, performance targets; dividends; Freedom of Information (FOI) timescales; insurance provisions; and Service Level Agreements (SLAs). The Director of Education responded clarifying a number of issues. She also clarified that existing Council staff would transfer to the Trust under the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 1981 (TUPE). She further confirmed that the Trust would decide if future employees were to be engaged on the same terms and conditions as existing staff.

Having heard Provost Carmichael thank all those who had spent a considerable number of hours over the previous few weeks to enable the various documents to be completed on time highlighting that members of the Trust Board were not remunerated, the Council agreed to:-

- (a) approve the documents annexed to the report and in doing so conclude the transfer of services to the Trust with effect from 2 July 2015;
- (b) homologate the decision to lodge the Articles of Association with the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator; and
- (c) authorise the Chief Executive, in conjunction with the Leader of the Council, to agree minor changes to the set of legal documents transferring services to the Culture and Leisure Trust.

ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT - SENIOR MANAGEMENT RESTRUCTURE

1627. The Council considered a report by the Director of Environment seeking approval for a proposed senior management restructure within the Environment Department.

The report explained that in August 2014, the Council had agreed to participate in the Glasgow and Clyde Valley City Deal arrangement which comprised around £44million of

infrastructure projects in East Renfrewshire. Responsibility for the co-ordination, implementation and delivery had fallen to the Head of Environment (Planning, Property and Regeneration) it being noted that this was in addition to his existing responsibilities. In recent months the demands around City Deal had placed a significant and increasing time commitment upon staff within the Council and particularly upon the Head of Environment (Planning, Property and Regeneration) in his role as the Council's Lead Officer.

In order to mitigate the effects of this additional workload and to reduce the risk to the delivery of the City Deal and the ambitious programme of infrastructure investment contained in the Council's ongoing capital programme, it was proposed that the Property and Technical Services function (including Corporate Health and Safety) be removed from the responsibilities of the Head of Environment (Planning, Property and Regeneration), with this post being re-titled Head of Environment (Planning, Economic Development and City Deal). Furthermore, given the synergies which existed, it was proposed that the Property and Technical Services functions be combined with the existing Housing and Maintenance Services functions into a new combined Housing and Property Services Team with a new Head of Environment (Housing and Property Services) post being established to oversee this new combined service area.

Appendices detailing the current and proposed structure, the remits of the existing departmental heads of service, and a job description and person specification for the newly created post accompanied the report.

The Council agreed to:-

- (a) approve the proposed revised management structure within the Environment Department as outlined in Appendix 2b to the report; and
- (b) delegate to the Director of Environment, in consultation with the Deputy Chief Executive, to make the necessary arrangements.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

1628. The Council considered a report by the Director of Environment seeking approval to proceed to adopt the Local Development Plan and supporting Supplementary Planning Guidance.

The report explained that the Proposed Local Development Plan (LDP), Revised Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and a series of supporting Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) had been submitted to Scottish Ministers for adoption following agreement by the Council on 25 March 2015. A letter had been received from Scottish Ministers on 9 June 2015 informing the Council that it may now proceed to adopt the Proposed LDP subject to the inclusion of 2 modifications to the Plan requiring changes to Policies SG1 (Housing Supply) and SG3 (Phasing of New Housing Development). The SPG documents had been approved for adoption as submitted with no requirement for further modification.

The report went on to explain that the Council could not adopt the Plan without the inclusion of the required modifications. Should Elected Members decline to accept the direction from Scottish Ministers, the Council would require to pursue a legal challenge which would delay adoption of the Plan.

The report concluded by outlining the next steps which required to be undertaken including publication of a Notice of Adoption in the local press and notification being sent to anyone who had made a representation to the proposal. Under Section 238 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 there was a 6 week period from the publication of the Notice of Adoption during which a legal challenge could be made by a third party.

Councillor McCaskill suggested that the report be withdrawn and resubmitted in view of the fact that the existing LDP could provide the 5 year housing land supply without the need for the modification proposed by Scottish Ministers. In response, the Head of Environment (Planning, Property and Regeneration), supported by the Planning and Building Services Manager, explained that the proposed modification was not considered to be significant and that the proposed LDP would ensure a continuous 5 year housing land supply.

In response to Councillor Swift who suggested that the Scottish Ministers wanted more housing land released within East Renfrewshire, the Planning and Building Standards Manager reported that there had been no request to release additional sites and that the Council supported the phased development of the currently allocated sites. She also reiterated the view that the modifications requested were not considered to be significant.

The Council agreed to approve:-

- (a) the modifications to the Local Development Plan suggested by Scottish Ministers as set out in the report; and

- (b) the modified Local Development Plan and supporting Supplementary Planning Guidance for adoption in accordance with the requirements of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended).

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE)

1629. The Council considered a report by the Director of Environment seeking approval for formal publication and consultation on Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) in relation to Renewable Energy and the Drumby Crescent Development Brief.

The report explained that the Renewable Energy SPG had been prepared alongside the Proposed Local Development Plan (LDP) and assessed through the LDP Examination process. New Scottish Planning Policy introducing revised criteria for identifying areas likely to be most appropriate for onshore windfarms had been published when the LDP had been at Examination and the Reporter had concluded that the current SPG was no longer in accordance with current guidance and required to be reviewed. Revised SPG had been prepared which also took account of the outcomes from further technical studies including the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Landscape Capacity Study 2014.

The report continued by explaining that the Drumby Crescent Development Brief SPG sought to provide planning and design requirements for the housing element of the mixed use development of a new health centre and housing on the site of the former Isobel Mair School and Williamwood High School Playing Fields.

Responding to Councillor McCaskill who questioned whether or not the Renewable Energy SPG was still applicable given the recent government announcement regarding the withdrawal of subsidies for onshore windfarms with effect from March 2016, the Planning and Building Standards Manager explained that the Council was aware of the forthcoming change but that the SPG was still relevant although it was anticipated that withdrawal of the subsidy could lead to fewer applications being received.

Councillor McCaskill also questioned if consideration had been given to providing accommodation on the Drumby Crescent site for Police Scotland in response to which the Head of Environment (Planning, Property and Regeneration) explained that the Council was in constant dialogue with community planning partners over the issue of shared resources including accommodation.

The Council agreed to:-

- (a) approve Supplementary Planning Guidance in relation to Renewable Energy and the Drumby Crescent Development Brief for formal publication and consultation; and
- (b) delegate to the Director of Environment authority to approve any minor inconsequential changes to the guidance prior their publication for consultation.

STOPPING UP ORDERS CARRIED OUT UNDER THE TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT

1630. The Council considered a report by the Director of Environment seeking approval to delegate to the Director of Environment authority to carry out all necessary procedures

associated with Stopping-Up Orders carried out under the terms of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, including authority to confirm an Order if it was unopposed.

The report explained that the stopping-up of roads in association with a planning permission was set out in the Section 207 of the Act and the procedure was carried out if the planning authority was satisfied that it was necessary to enable the approved development to be carried out. Authority had then to be sought from the Planning Applications Committee for all Stopping-Up Orders. Should the Order be unopposed, authority required to be sought from the Council to confirm any Order before it came into effect.

It went on to explain that in terms of legislation, there was no need for the Planning Applications Committee or the Council to approve Stopping-Up Orders and that seeking such approval to confirm an unopposed Order added delays to the procedure and possibly to the development commencing.

The Council agreed to delegate to the Director of Environment authority to carry out all the procedures associated with Stopping-Up Orders carried out under the terms of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, including authority to confirm an Order if it was unopposed.

THE SOUTH LANARKSHIRE AND EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCILS, HOLEHOUSE ROAD, EAGLESHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING AND ENTRY) ORDER 2013

1631. The Council considered a report by the Director of Environment seeking approval for the making and confirmation of The South Lanarkshire and East Renfrewshire Councils, Holehouse Road, Eaglesham (Prohibition of Driving and Entry) Order 2013.

The report explained that South Lanarkshire Council had carried out the formal statutory consultation process on behalf of both councils to ensure that the procedures for both authorities ran concurrently. The process had been completed in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 which set out the statutory requirements for consultation. Following a public hearing before a Reporter appointed by the Scottish Government, the Reporter had recommended that the Order be confirmed without modification.

The Council approved and authorised the making of the South Lanarkshire and East Renfrewshire Councils, Holehouse Road, Eaglesham (Prohibition of Driving and Entry) Order 2013.

PROVOST